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BEHIND 'BAMBOO CURTAIN'

Reds Won't Allow Press To Cover Negotiations Govt Cities Attacked

Nanking, April 5.

Formal Kuomintang-Communist peace negotiations opened in Peiping at 9 a.m. today behind a tight "Bamboo Curtain" of secrecy for a second post-war try at political settlement of the 22-year-old conflict between China's two major factions.

The talks opened, however, under an ominous shadow of intensified Communist attacks against three government-held cities North of the Yangtse River.

A responsible official source, confirming the opening of formal talks, declined to divulge further details because they were held in strict secrecy on Communist insistence. He said it had been agreed that official releases, approved by both sides, may be made in future, but he warned the press that probably only one release would be made, that is at the end of the formal talks.

There appeared to be no longer any hope for foreign and Chinese correspondents to proceed to Peiping to cover the negotiations. The official source said a second government request for Communist concurrence to throw the peace conference open to the press was being pigeonholed by the Communists. He said up to now the Reds have not yet replied to the request.

Cease-Fire Unconfirmed

A source close to Acting President Li Tsung-shan said he was at a loss as to how the rumour that the Communists had agreed to a cease-fire had originated. He said official reports from the government peace delegation received up to this morning made no mention of an agreement.

Official information from General Pai Chung-hsi's headquarters in Hankow this morning said the Communists were intensifying their assaults on Huayuan, 50 miles North of Hankow, and Anking, river port 145 miles South West of Nanking.

The military spokesman, General Teng Wen-yi, in Nanking also reported fierce Communist attacks on Yiehing, small river port 23 miles East of Nanking.

The spokesman said Communist troop movements on the river bank East of Yiehing, which were taken by some reports as a Communist Northward withdrawal, were actually redeployments.

It was reliably learned meanwhile that the government instructed its peace delegation in Peiping to press the Communists for cessation of attacks on Huayuan, Anking and Yiehing and other places.

Two Communist Demands

Experienced observers, however, are watching the talks with reserve. These observers attach special significance to two initial Communist demands on the Nationalists as a valuable clue in the assessment of the unpredictable outcome of the negotiations in Peiping.

The demands were:

1. The Communists be allowed to cross the Yangtse River and occupy Nanking and Shanghai.

2. Kuomintang progressives co-operate militarily with the Communists in a joint fight to eliminate the remaining power of Chiang Kai-shek, the retired president.

Observers said the significance of the demands lies in the fact that they were the first ones made by the Communists on the government.

A further check from unofficial but highly reliable sources revealed that the Communists had even gone to the extent of proposing details of military co-operation, including an exchange of staff officers.

The two demands are taken here as a pointer to the real original Communist approach to the peace talks, that is to utilise the peace as an opportunity to haul their forces peacefully across the last natural barrier against their expansion and to play Acting President Li Tsung-shan and progressives against Chiang Kai-shek to expedite the collapse of the Nationalists.

From this it would appear that the Communists still are clinging to their political objective of wiping out all opposition and engulfing the entire country under their rule, and any settlement they may make with the Nationalists most likely will be a temporary expedient to further their political objective.

A Foothold South Of Yangtse

Official circles here generally are expecting the Communists to charter their course in the peace talks in conformity with their immediate designs of gaining a foothold South of the Yangtse River and engineering a split within the government.

If events develop as expected, a stable peace for war-weary China appears to be a forlorn hope because the Communist approach to peace runs counter to that of the government. The government's approach as it is known, is to maintain its remaining power through a peace settlement.

This approach requires, according to informed opinion:

1. The Nationalists should be allowed to maintain their rule South of the Yangtse River.

2. The entire Nationalist army should remain intact submitting, however, to overall re-organisation with the Communist forces.

3. Communist troops should not cross the Yangtse River.

Acting President Li warned that if the Communists cross the river under any kind of conditions, the peace negotiations would be called off.

Ho To Visit Canton

Prime Minister Ho Ying-chin will fly to Canton tomorrow in an effort to persuade the South China bloc to be united with Nanking on peace negotiations with the Communists.

Officially, the Premier's visit is for the purpose of inspecting the Executive Yuan's administrative offices in Canton. He will return to Nanking before the week-end. Seven representatives of refugee students from Communist-held North China and Manchuria appealed to the Legislative Yuan and the Ministry of Education this morning for relief and facilities to enable them to continue their education in Nationalist China.

In a written petition to the Legislative Yuan the representatives said "Lack of freedom made it impossible for us to continue our education. The political situation is so chaotic that we are unable to continue our education in Nationalist China."

It said over 3,000 students of the National Peking University, the National North East University, Changchun University and other institutions in Communist-held territories have fled to Nationalist China and are now scattered as follows: 800 in Shanghai, 300 in Nanking, 2,000 in Canton, 600 in Lanchow and over 100 in Hangchow.—United Press and Reuters.

Watch Closely



Without pockets or sleeves to her evening dress, Mrs. Paula Baird impressed the exclusively masculine Magic Circle at their dinner at London's Park Lane Hotel. It was the first time that a woman had been invited to try to mystify the wizards.—(Associated Press photo).

NEWBORN BABIES DIE IN HOSPITAL FIRE

Effingham, Illinois, April 5.—Fire turned the three-story St. Anthony's Hospital into a flaming death trap early today and the authorities fear a heavy death toll.

The Reverend Daniel Dally, a Catholic priest who was at the hospital when the fire started, estimated that 50 to 60 persons died. State police earlier had estimated 30 to 35.

There were over 100 patients in the hospital when the fire broke out in the basement shortly before midnight and spread upward through the laundry chute with deadly swiftness.

The authorities said the maternity ward and nursery were situated on the top floor. The only persons to escape from the floor were three women who leaped from windows. Firemen said all of the newborn babies in the nursery perished. It is not known how many were there but the nursery was equipped to handle 30 babies.—United Press.

Truman Wants Early Senate Action On Pact

Washington, April 5.

President Truman is expected to send the North Atlantic treaty to the U.S. Senate before the end of this week with an appeal for speedy approval.

This is one of three major steps which officials forecast today for carrying out the pact that the President acclaimed last night as "a milestone in history." The treaty was signed by 12 Western nations in a solemn, fast moving ceremony yesterday afternoon.

How soon the Senate might act is uncertain. The issue is controversial and other major legislation is crying for attention.

The two other steps in prospect to implement the treaty are these:

1. Completion of an American arms aid programme, costing close to \$552,000,000. Mr. Truman is expected to recommend this to Congress early next week.

2. Discussions among the 12 treaty powers on organization of a council and a defence committee. Their assignment will be to unify the defence of the non-Communist, Western European alliance members.

The arms programme probably will provide between \$125,000,000 and \$1,500,000,000 for American help in rearming the European members of the alliance. The balance of the funds would go to aid other non-Communist countries such as Greece, Turkey and Iran.

Officials said that no action toward forming the 12-nation council can be taken until the treaty comes into force, but plans for the organization and the defence committee under it can be worked out ahead of time.

Fast HK-Vancouver Air Service Soon

A fast, luxurious service from Hong Kong to Vancouver will be inaugurated this summer, probably in July, by Canadian Pacific Airlines.

Mr. G. W. G. McConachie, President of the airline, said yesterday that a survey flight would be made sometime in the next two weeks. The flight will be made in a Mil-type of the four-engine "Canadair," with eight Captain's aboard handling the controls in turn.

The route will be serviced by Mil-type "Canadairs," Mr. McConachie explained. The only difference between the two types is that the Mil is equipped with pressurized cabins and reverse-pitch propellers.

In the beginning, one flight a week will be made into Hong Kong from Vancouver, via Tokyo, at the standard fare (about \$370). It is anticipated, however, that when a daily service is eventually introduced the fare may be brought down to as low as \$240. This would depend on an agreement with other airlines. If effected, it would put the Canadian Pacific airlines in a position to compete with ocean liners for passengers.

Curs will be by far the fastest service from Hong Kong to Vancouver," Mr. McConachie said. "It will take only 29 hours."

That means you can have breakfast in Hong Kong one morning and in Vancouver the next morning.

Canadian Pacific will be the only Canadian airline operating in the Far East, according to Mr. McConachie. It will also be the only airline flying planes into Vancouver with seats especially built for a comfortable sleep. Known as "slumber seats," these can be adjusted from an upright to a reclining position.

Philippine President To Face Impeachment

Manila, April 5.

The Speaker of the House, Mr. Eugenio Perez, announced that the House would take immediate action on a resolution to impeach President Quirino. The resolution was filed by five Liberal and two Nationalist members of the lower chamber of Congress.

Mr. Perez, who conferred with President Quirino last night, may appoint today a seven-man committee to investigate the charges enumerated in the resolution. He said Mr. Quirino himself had urged immediate action on the resolution.

The President said last night that the charges were "filed for political effect."

The House minority leader, Cipriano Primicias, said the minority "will be guided by a sense of justice and fair play in the proposed impeachment. We base the decision on the evidence presented."

Firm Puzzled

A spokesman of the Yeh Foong Trading Company in Shanghai said his firm cannot figure out why one of its sales was listed among the counts in the impeachment of the Philippine President, Mr. Elpidio Quirino.

"It was we who lost heavily on the deal," the spokesman said.

The Shanghai cement deal was among the charges entered yesterday by opponents who were attempting to oust the Philippine Chief Executive. The President was charged with accepting 170,000 sacks of inferior Soviet cement purchased through the Yeh Foong Trading Company.

There was "misunderstanding on the quality of the cement," the spokesman said. He added his firm thought the matter had been settled long ago.

Fourteen Liberal Congressmen, after reading the resolution, issued a joint statement saying: "We find absolutely no constitutional grounds to sustain it."

The resolution, filed by staunch supporter of the deposed Senate President, Jose Avelino, was accompanied by more than 20 photostatic copies of documents purporting to prove five charges against Mr. Quirino, ranging from alleged misappropriation of public funds to "wicked and corrupt abuse of power" to "aiding and abetting graft and corruption."

Other issues which will be debated in the weeks ahead include the Dutch-Indonesian dispute, the airing of which was proposed by India and Australia, and investigation of the treatment of Indian nationals in South Africa—a problem that started bloody revolts since the Paris meeting of the United Nations.

In the meantime little difficulty is expected on the early vote approving Israel as the 59th member of the United Nations. A flag staff has been erected outside the Assembly Hall to fly the Israeli colour.

Diplomatic observers in Moscow said Russia probably will ask the UN General Assembly opening today in New York to denounce the Atlantic treaty as a violation of the UN Charter.

They believed Mr. Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister and chief United Nations delegate, will introduce a resolution condemning the 12 signatories of the new pact.—United Press.

Action Unprecedented

Filing of the resolution, unprecedented in Philippine history, came as a climax to a bitter pre-election political battle which started in the Senate and resulted in the ousting of Mr. Avelino from Senate leadership and also the filing of charges against him and three other top-ranking Senators.

An investigating committee today found the deposed Senate

Gate Crashing At Theatres

Gate crashing by Chinese soldiers serving in the British Army in Hong Kong is said to be causing much concern to operators of cinema theatres in the Shaukiwan area.

According to the manager of one of these theatres, some 20 to 30 Chinese soldiers are making it a regular practice to force their way into the theatre during a performance without paying.

When there is a full house these soldiers invariably insist on standing in the gangway, although repeatedly warned that it is against regulations to do so.

Employees of the theatres are it is alleged, afraid to prevent these soldiers from entering the theatre without a ticket.

It is also claimed that the soldiers in question usually attend the assistance of MPs has been invoked, they are able to go away undetected.

Mandalay Retaken By Govt Forces

Rangoon, April 4.

Government troops today mopped up pockets of insurgents in Mandalay, the central Burma temple city and capital of the ancient Burmese kings, which was recaptured from the Karens and Communists last night.

The main force of the insurgents had fled from Mandalay along the road to Maymyo, a hill station 40 miles to the North East, as the Government troops advanced.

About 120 Karens and Communists were killed and 30 captured before the town was completely in Government hands again after a fortnight's occupation by the rebels, according to the latest official reports.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKRT), a moderate anticyclone centred over N. China, dominated the mainland and the neighbouring seas. Depressions cover the Sea of Japan, Burma and Siam. A depression to the E. of Hainan is moving ENE.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E to SE winds, cloudy with drizzle or light rain early.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 68.5 deg. Fah. Minimum 62.5 deg. Fah. Sunshine Nil. Rainfall 1.4 mm.—2.00 inches. Total rain Jan. 1—12.5 mm.—0.50 inches as against an average of 174.6 mm.—6.87 inches.

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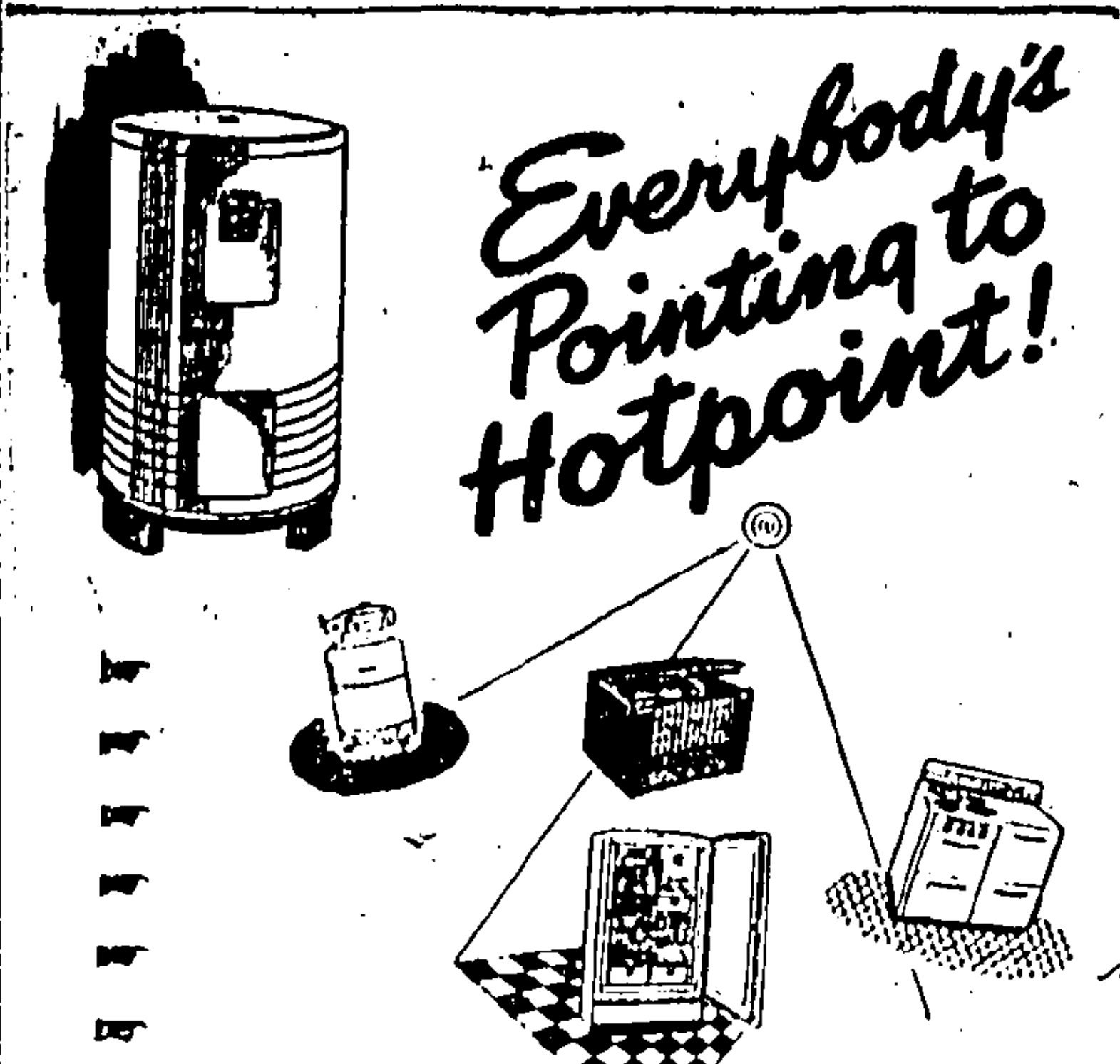
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Aid For China

Sir,—With reference to the letter by "Rue Lafayette" on the subject of "Aid for China", it would be interesting to have your correspondent's comments on the following points:

(1) If an ordinary individual like "Rue Lafayette" can see the danger of helping China at the present moment, is it likely that shrewd American politicians could have overlooked this danger?

(2) What actually is behind all this desire on the part of certain Americans to help China?

(3) Why should Britain, America and France come forward to save China and the Chinese when their doing so may one day make the "Yellow Peril" a reality?

(4) Since the Chinese do not know how to use, in a proper manner, money and materials lent to them, why don't the Americans be asked to apply such money and materials towards aiding the negroes in darkest Africa or the aborigines of Australia?

(5) How would the average Englishman, American or Frenchman feel if, for the purpose of argument, the Chinese suggested that their Government take steps to violate British, American or French sovereignty in the manner mentioned by "Rue Lafayette"?

(6) Is "Rue Lafayette" aware of the fact that Britain, France, Germany, Russia and Japan would have dismembered and partitioned China among themselves in 1928 had it not been for America, which came forward as the friend of China and put a stop to the plundering which was going on?

(7) Why do foreigners insist on remaining in China when the Chinese Government is so corrupt and rotten and there is so much danger to life and property?

(8) Why don't they quit China altogether and go back to their own respective countries, where the Government is perfect and there is no danger to life or property? Better still, why don't they migrate to Australia, that "land of plenty" which is so badly in need of "blue blooded whites" to further its "White Australia" policy?

(9) By what authority does "Rue Lafayette" state that the majority of Chinese would not mind any violation of their country's sovereignty?

(10) Is he really serious when he says that any right-thinking Shanghai Chinese, if asked what he would like most in life, would answer "Give us back foreign rule"?

(11) How does "Rue Lafayette" define a "right-thinking Shanghai Chinese"? Does he mean that unscrupulous type of individual who enriched himself by collaborating with the Japanese and is now fully prepared to "sell his country" to the foreigners so that he can continue to enrich himself?

According to authoritative reference books, modern imperialism is due to the following motives:

(a) A desire of patriots to have their nation possess additional territory.

(b) A desire of businessmen to obtain possessions where the manufacture of their own country can be sold and where raw materials and minerals can be obtained under the protection of their own flag.

(c) The idea that possession of a certain region is necessary for the purposes of national defence.

These reference books state that the economic motive is perhaps the strongest.

Has "Rue Lafayette" the courage to say which of these motives has prompted him to rush into print with a suggestion that Britain, America and France proceed to help themselves in China by violating China's sovereignty? It is somewhat difficult to believe that he has not been motivated in some way by self-interest.

SIMPLE SIMON.

Foreign Rule

Sir,—For "Rue Lafayette" to say that any right-thinking Shanghai Chinese would today say "Give us back foreign rule" is sheer poppycock, to use the correspondent's own word.

"Give us an administration as efficient as a foreign administration (Russia excluded of course)" would to my mind be the right answer.

If "Rue Lafayette's" own country were today in the same state as China is, I am certain he would fight for the overthrow

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CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL RADIO

Two Chinese merchants were charged with maintaining a radio-communication station without a permit at Central yesterday.

Both defendants, Tsang Kwok-chung, and Shun Kai, alias Shun Chiu-ki, pleaded not guilty.

Inspector Grey, prosecuting, said that on March 31 he and four policemen raided No. 141 Wing Lok Street (West). They had to wait three or four minutes before they were admitted. After getting in to the house they saw four men and several women. A telephone was installed outside the living room.

As soon as they entered the house the telephone rang. One member of the party received the message from the telephone. The message was in code.

Searching the house they found in the kitchen a number of messages addressed to places in Indo-China. The telephone rang very frequently.

The four men who were asked to identify who operated the telephone said they knew nothing about the matter. Later, the first defendant, Tsang, admitted that he was connected with the business but insisted that he did not operate the telephone. He said that he was a messenger employed by a man named Lau who is now in Canton.

The second defendant, when searched, was found in possession of several envelopes addressed to Lau. He said that he lived in Po Lok Lan. The inspector went there with the second defendant and found a number of code messages. Several documents relating to the wireless matter were also found. However, defendant denied knowledge of the radio communication station.

The hearing will continue today.

Kwok Peng For Sale

The 2,100-ton Chinese steamer, Kwok Peng, grounded in rough seas last month at Moru Point near the Heian Straits, is now considered as a total loss by her owner. The vessel has been offered for sale.

All her crew and officers are meanwhile being taken care of by the owner, John Manners and Company. No one was injured.

The Kwok Peng was en route to Port Paracel to load a cargo of limestone when she encountered heavy seas at the North entrance to the Heian Straits and ran into the rocks.

She was in ballast when she met the accident.

HUSBAND ACCUSED OF CHOPPING WIFE

Chung Ching, aged 22, accused her husband of having assaulted her last night in an unprovoked manner, Ho Pui village, Tsun Wan.

It was alleged that Young Shing, aged 26, had attacked his wife with a chopper during a quarrel.

The wounded woman was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

TO SALVAGE MISS ORIENT

Towing two lighters, the mv. Kwan Lu left the Colony yesterday with 50 men on board to help salvage the mined river vessel, Miss Orient.

The crew included divers, engineers and salvage operators.

INDECENT ASSAULT

On a charge of indecently assaulting a girl, aged 16, on April 4, Wong Kan-tin, aged 25, was fined \$200 or two months by Mr. Blair Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

VISITOR.

Begin At Home

Sir,—"Simple Simon" expresses the views of many fair-minded Britons who are far less interested in the poisonous anti-Chinese articles by Mr. H.G.W. Woodhead, which you print in the "Sunday Herald", than in clearing up the local cesspool, of which they are ashamed.

Hong Kong residents are powerless to alter the destiny of Formosa, or its inhabitants, so let's not mind their business, but get action to reform here, where reformation is long overdue.

"ACTION".

Sir,—In some countries there is a law against cracked and chipped edged crockery, being used in public restaurants. Is there such a law in Hong Kong? If so, why is it not enforced?

I have visited two of the big restaurants in the city (I hate to mention their names as they are reputable firms) on a number of occasions. I was served coffee or tea in a cracked cup. On most of the occasions the cups were chipped around the edge.

Cracked and chipped crockery used in restaurants has been described by anti-epidemic experts as carriers of disease. Surely it is time for Medical or Health authorities to ban the use of such cups and plates in public restaurants!

Cracked Crockery

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World's Oldest Railway Described To Rotarians

The oldest railway in the world—the Mumbles Railway in Wales, connecting the old fishing village of Oystermouth and the seaport of Swansea—was the subject of a talk given by Mr. C. S. Johnston, MBE, before the Hong Kong Rotary Club yesterday.

Mr. Johnston, who is deputy assistant manager of Hong Kong Tramways Limited, and before he came to Hong Kong in September general manager and chief engineer, Maidstone Corporation Transport Department, was at one time an engineer of the Mumbles Railway.

The Mumbles Railway, said Johnston, owed its statutory birth to the Oystermouth Railway or Tramroad Company Act of 1804. It is the oldest statutory railway which is still in operation. It started to operate in 1805.

The primary object of the promoters of the railway was the carrying of iron ore and limestone a distance of about four miles from Oystermouth to Swansea.

But on March 25, 1807, it also started carrying passengers, so that it could be said to be the first passenger railway in the world, too.

At first the passengers were accommodated in wicker chairs provided from mineral wagons but in 1816 special, covered passenger coaches were built, resembling a stage coach in appearance and each carrying about 12 persons.

The mineral traffic did not develop to the extent the promoters had hoped, and before long passengers formed the bulk of their business.

For the first 70 years single carriages were used with horses as the motive force. The amount of traffic was insufficient to justify the use of steam traction until 1877, when it was introduced in the face of strong opposition from many of the local notables.

The opponents of steam locomotives maintained that the high speed of eight miles an hour was dangerous, and that the sight of locomotives would frighten horses and thus cause accidents. By that time, of course, steam traction had become general on most of the other railways in the country.

Mr. Johnston explained that the change-over from horse to

The change-over to steam resulted in the Mumbles Railway carrying a progressively increasing volume of traffic, and the village of Oystermouth developed rapidly as a dormitory suburb and a holiday resort of Swansea.

As many as 40,000 persons were carried on holidays in the latter days of steam traction. A single train of 18 to 20 coaches pulled by one locomotive carried 1,800 passengers.

The line was electrified and modernised in 1929 and now provides a fast and frequent service from Swansea to the Mumbles Head, a distance of about five and half miles. The journey takes 10 minutes with 10 stops at intermediate stations, and trains run every eight minutes.

The speaker was thanked by Mr. Johnston, who is deputy assistant manager of Hong Kong Tramways Limited.

Visiting Rotarians Percy Kwok, J. Muckle, E. S. Little, and Arthur Eveleigh from Shanghai, T. C. Chow from Kuning, N. T. Liu from Peking and C. M. Wu and Joseph Yu from Canton were accompanied by President D. S. Hill.

Among the guests present were the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, and Messrs. W. Hamming Chan, M. Cunnos, J. O. Stukoe, J. P. Bush, E. A. Aust, W. F. Simmons, and A. Pullen.

It was announced that a total of 304 tickets for the Rotary Ball on Friday, April 8, had been sold.

Pottinger St. Murder Trial Resumes Today

An application for adjournment of the Pottinger Street murder trial from early yesterday afternoon until this morning by Mr. Percy Chen, counsel for the accused, was granted by Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, yesterday.

The application was made for Mr. Chen to obtain proofs from the father and brother of the accused, to enable them to appear as defence witnesses. Both had previously given evidence for the prosecution in the Lower Court, but the Crown had later decided not to present them as witnesses.

In applying for the adjournment at the beginning of hearing yesterday afternoon, Mr. Chen made reference to Ngai Kwok-leung and Ngai Pak-chuen, the father and brother, respectively, of the accused. These two are important witnesses, he said, who had given evidence for the prosecution in the Lower Court.

Counsel further said it was not until this morning that he realised they would not be presented to the Court as witnesses for the prosecution.

"I would like to have an adjournment so that my instructing solicitor may take a proof from these men whom I propose to call as witnesses on behalf of the accused," Mr. Chen said.

In reply to the Court, Counsel declared that it would be an unnecessary to the accused if he had to take proofs from the two persons in question, who were present, if he was given only an hour or so to do it.

When court assembled in the morning, Chan Chik, police constable attached to the Central Police Station, testified as to having been told by the accused on the night of the alleged offence in answer to his questioning, that he himself was the one who had stabbed the deceased.

Further Crown evidence was then given by two witnesses.

The trial will continue this morning.

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HK ROPE COMPANY NETS GOOD PROFIT IN 1948

The output of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited in 1948 showed a considerable increase over the previous year, it was reported by Mr. Albert Raymond, at the annual meeting of the Company yesterday. Mr. Raymond, the Chairman, added that the hemp market, which is still influenced by exchange controls and official buying, has remained firm.

A net profit of \$776,180.15 was made in the year under review.

Mr. Raymond said: "In the Accounts now before you the result of the year's trading is a net profit of HK\$776,180.15 which includes interest on mortgage and rents totalling \$115,004.19.

"This profit added to the balance brought forward from last Account and the sum of \$18,812.00, provision for Corporation Profits Tax no longer required, makes a balance at credit of Profit and Loss Appropriation Account of \$828,968.08 which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:

Transfer to Plant Replacement Reserve	\$100,000.00
Staff Superannuation Fund	100,000.00
Staff Pension Reserve	7,500.00
Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund	5,000.00
Profit Tax Assessment 1947/1948	80,000.00
Bad and Doubtful Debts Reserve	5,000.00
Bonus to Staff and Workers for 1948	32,735.00
Dividend of \$1.00 per share, free of tax	200,000.00
Carry forward to 1949	197,733.08
Total	\$928,968.08

"These recommendations have been incorporated in the Accounts.

"From time to time your Directors have given consideration to the completion of the scheme for modernisation of our plant, which was interrupted by the war, and though they do not propose to embark on heavy capital expenditure at this present time, recommend the transfer of \$100,000.00 to Plant Replacement Reserve, which they propose to strengthen by the transfer of the amount of \$150,000.00 at credit of General Reserve.

"Further substantial sums will have to be provided over the next four or five years as we are faced with the task, which is attracting much attention everywhere, of replacing at post war prices plant for which depreciation has been provided on the original cost.

"For instance, if it would now take £6,000 to replace a machine which originally cost £3,000 and the money accumulated through depreciation will only buy two machines, the output of this section of our factory would be halved, and this reduction could only be remedied by raising new capital, which would be unsound finance.

"In saying this, I am aware that it is impossible to forecast accurately the price which we may be called upon to pay for new plant, but I would fail in my duty were I not to impress on you the necessity of providing for the maintenance of that part of our Capital which is invested in fixed assets, by the allocation of Plant Replacement Reserve of sum to offset the loss in value of those fixed assets over and above the depreciation on book values shown in the accounts.

Staff Bonus

"I trust that the provision for Bonus to Staff and Workers, who have again done very good work, will have your approval, as also the proposed allocation of \$100,000.00 to Staff Superannuation Fund which is intended to augment the amounts at credit of the Staff Provident Fund, certain members whose retirement after long and faithful service is impending.

"In this connection I regret to have to tell you that, in spite of prolonged sick leave, the health

of our Secretary, Mr. F. J. Tavares, has not improved to the extent of enabling him to resume his duties and your Board have reluctantly been compelled to terminate his employment as from the end of this month.

"In view of his long faithful service your Directors voted him a gratuity which will be debited to the proposed Staff Superannuation Fund if approved, and I am sure you will join with me in wishing him recovery of his health.

"Twenty-four flats of our House Property at Kennedy Town have been rehabilitated and there remain eight which it is intended to reconstruct during the year. The return from rents appears to be in line with that on other property in that district.

"Turning to the Balance Sheet, Stocks and Stores have been valued at usual cost or under, Depreciation on Plant and Buildings has been provided for on the customary basis, and our Current Assets exceed Current Liabilities at \$789,935.20. Apart from the increase in Payments in Advance, due to purchases of hemp, I do not think there are any other points requiring comment.

Excess Deliveries

"Our deliveries for the first quarter of this year are in excess of those for the corresponding period of last year, but you are doubtless aware of the unsettled political situation prevailing in a number of the Far Eastern countries which formerly were good markets for our rope, and will not expect me to prophesy regarding our future prospects.

"I hope you consider the result of the past year's working satisfactory, but I must point out that, due to the conservative policy of your Directors in past years, this has been achieved with assets worth considerably more than the figures in the Balance Sheet and, in amplification of my earlier remarks, the profit shown in the Profit and Loss Account does not indicate by how much the Depreciation based on book values falls short of the provision necessary for replacement of plant.

"I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts together with the Appropriations therein recommended be adopted and passed and that the balance of \$197,733.08 be carried forward to next account.

"Seconded by Mr. C. W. L. Lederhofer and the statement of accounts were unanimously adopted.

"On the proposal of Mr. R. V. Lederhofer and seconded by Mr. S. L. Granville, Mr. Raymond and Mr. S. T. Williamson were re-elected to serve on the Board for the ensuing year.

"Percy Smith and Company and Pent. Morwick, Mitchell and Company, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. A. A. Botelho, were re-appointed auditors.

"At an Extraordinary General Meeting, the Chairman said: "We were only able to recover one copy of the Articles of Association after the war and this Meeting has been convened for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, adopting the draft new Articles of Association."

"Advantage was taken of the

It's Ching Ming Festival



Long queues lined up at the Vehicular Ferry Wharf to board buses for Kennedy Town, Pokfulam, Aberdeen and Shaukiwan to celebrate the Ching Ming Festival. Here are some of the thousands of Chinese residents who made the yearly traditional trip to the cemeteries to pay respects to the ancestors. ("China Mail" Photo).

TAI Chairman Scotland-Bound

General Fayet, Chairman of Transports Aériens Intercontinentaux, leaves this morning by chartered TAI plane for Scotland.

With him on the same plane will be 44 crew members of a well-known local shipping company. The plane, which arrived here yesterday from Saigon, was the first TAI plane to come to Hong Kong. It was specially chartered for the flight to Scotland.

The local agents for Transports Aériens Intercontinentaux are Mm. Messageries Maritimes. necessity of having the Articles reprinted to have them revised and amended, as indicated in the Notice convening this Meeting, and in the draft of the proposed new Articles which has been open for your inspection at the Head Office of the Company for the past three weeks.

Alterations

Most of the alterations are due to the incorporation of your General Managers, and Article 67 gives the Board power to appoint one of their number to take the Chair at any meeting.

For a considerable time the Members of your Board have felt that their remuneration has been quite inadequate in view of their duties and responsibilities, and in the proposed new Article 91 this is increased from the \$1,000 per annum, at which it has stood since 1933, to \$2,500 per annum and such further sum as the company may in General Meeting from time to time determine.

"For similar reasons your Board consider that Article 80 should be amended to provide for the qualification of a Director being increased to 300 instead of 50 shares.

"I do not think there are any other points requiring explanation and I now propose as a Special Resolution—

"That as on and from the date of passing of this Resolution the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

Seconded by Major C. W. L. Way, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Present at the meeting were Sir Robert Ho-tung, Messrs. Albert Raymond, Horace Kadoorie, H. J. Armstrong, S. T. Williamson and E. J. Spradbery (acting secretary).

Shareholders were represented by Major C. W. L. Way, Messrs. R. V. Lederhofer, D. E. Kibble, S. L. Granville and A. A. Botelho.

Ching Ming Festival Observed By Chinese

The traditional Ching Ming Festival was celebrated in Hong Kong yesterday when thousands of Chinese residents flocked to the Colony's grave yards to pay respects to their ancestors.

From dawn there was a general exodus of Chinese residents—followers of Buddha as well as of Christ—from their homes to the cemeteries on the island and Mainland.

Christians took flowers to the graves of their dead. Buddhists and pagans carried caskets of incense, incense, paper fire-crackers, wine and food. The wine and food were placed in front of the tombs for ancestors to feed the spirits. The cemeteries at Aberdeen, resembled disturbed anti-hills with people swarming over the areas.

The Colony's internal travelling facilities were considerable taxed throughout the day by this yearly movement of human traffic from the urban areas to the country's edge.

There were long queues at the Vehicular Ferry Wharf to board special buses for Kennedy Town, Pokfulam, Aberdeen, Happy Valley and Shaukiwan.

Many of the participants in yesterday's festival took their lunches with them in baskets. The placing of flowers on the graves of their dead ended the Christians' part in the festival. The non-Christian continued their ceremonies late into the night.

While in the charge room Wong allegedly attempted to escape by pushing aside guards. He dashed out of the station and was given chase by the police. Wong was wounded at the right ankle and is detained.

A loaded Mills hand-grenade found at the bottom of the stairway of No. 5 Lyndhurst Terrace on March 24, was ordered to be confiscated by Mr. F.X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday, on the application of Inspector Hu Hung-cheung.

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Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included: Mr. and Mrs. S. Holson, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Q. Zeng, Mr. and Mrs. K. Knudsen, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ling, Messrs. W. E. Rundle, K. Colagale, O.P. Peresypkin, J.S. Rolfe, F.G. Gilray, Dock Chong Pang, J. J. Biederman, S.Y. Yao, and M.G. Williams.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Seddon, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Efron, Mrs. Lou Bore, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Detsham, Mrs. R. W. Rottschmidt, Mrs. M. J. Bell, Mrs. L. G. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. G. Abashira, Mr. and Mrs. N. Boriz, Messrs. K. Japperton, R. Ravudal, J. R. Blacklock and Hans Silarz.

Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Greene and their two children left for Foochow yesterday by the ss. Kwei-yung. On the same vessel were Mr. A. Headlam who is also proceeding to Foochow.

Mrs. B. I. Billings was among the passengers who left Hong Kong for the Fukien port of Foochow yesterday by the ss. Kwei-yung.

Messrs. P. H. Loxley-Miller and M. Harriman left Hong Kong for Singapore yesterday by the ss. Hai Lee.

Mr. Bob Blumstein of Philippine Airlines' Traffic Department, returned here yesterday from a two-week trip to the United States.

Mr. A. Hollis, visiting member of the British Cotton Control Board, will address the Kowloon Rotary Club tomorrow at the Peninsula Hotel at 12.30 p.m. His subject will be "Life in England Today."

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony yesterday from Manila by CPA were Messrs. O.P. Norton, Sy Chong-lin, Char Go, and Ngo Shi.

Reminders

Today

Ten 11 Club meeting Tai Bot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 6.30 p.m.

Talk on "Air Photo Reconnaissance" by Wing Commander A.D. Panton, European YMCA, 6.45 p.m.

Lecture on "Development in Aircraft Propulsion" by Mr. F. J. Crosby, The Engineering Society of Hong Kong, Catholic Women's League, monthly meeting, Catholic Centre, 6.15 p.m.

Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, Cosmo Club, 8 p.m. Tennis Exhibition Matches, at Hong Kong Cricket Club, Badminton Championship Finals, at KCC, 8 p.m.

Coming Events TOMORROW

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon talk on "Life in England today" by Mr. A. Hollis, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

FRIDAY Gramophone Recital by Music Group of Sino-British Club, European YMCA, 8.45 p.m. Social Morning, Women's Section, European YMCA, 10 a.m.

HAND-GRENADE

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None Injured In Ship Fire

No one was injured when the steel lighter Wing Luen-on, caught fire on Monday night at her anchor in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter.

The cost of damage is still undetermined. In his report, Ho Sao-fai, 25-year-old coxswain of the vessel, stated that at the time of the fire there were about 30 persons engaged in cleaning the hold of the lighter, which had just finished delivering a cargo of fuel oil.

There were a few kerosene pressure lamps supplying the illumination at the time of the cleaning operation.

For reasons yet unknown, one of these lamps fell and caught fire, which spread despite the efforts of the crew to put it out with the vessel's own fire extinguishers.

The blaze was eventually extinguished by fire floaters.

The lighter was used to carry diesel oil, petrol, and kerosene. Kerosene was used to take off the dirty stains on the deck.

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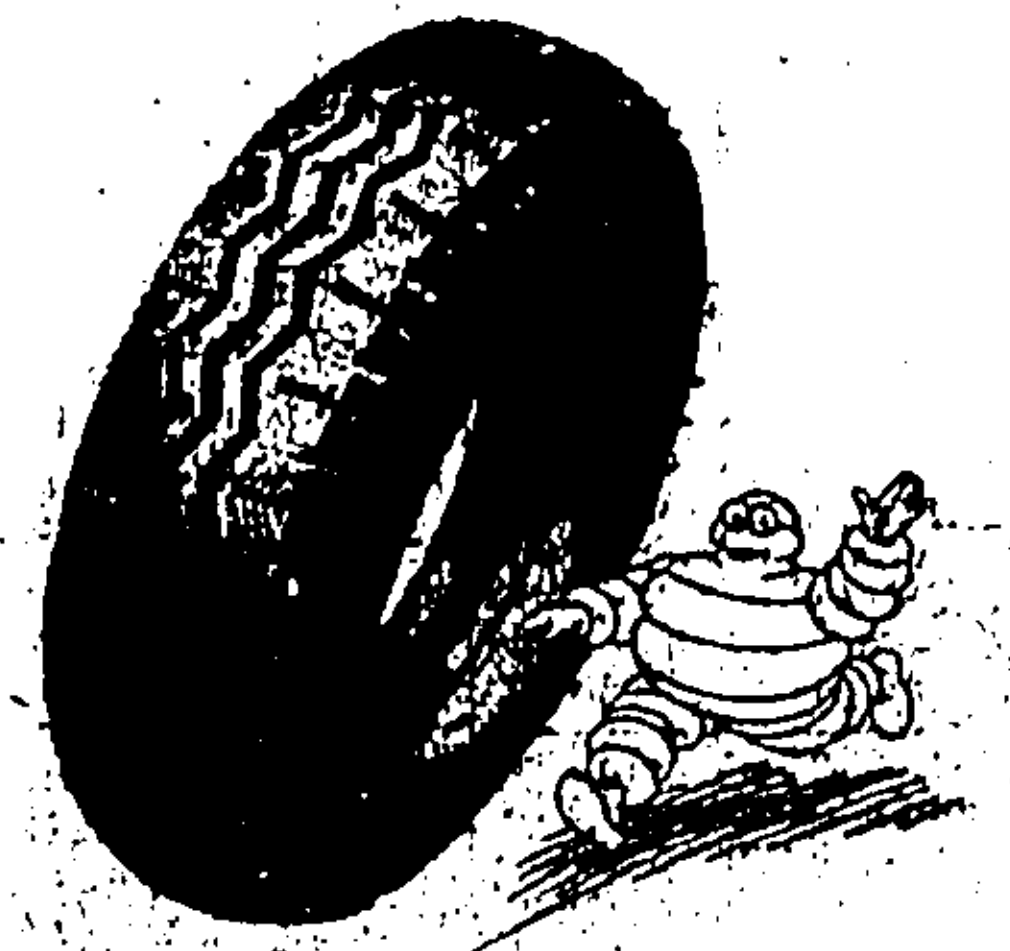
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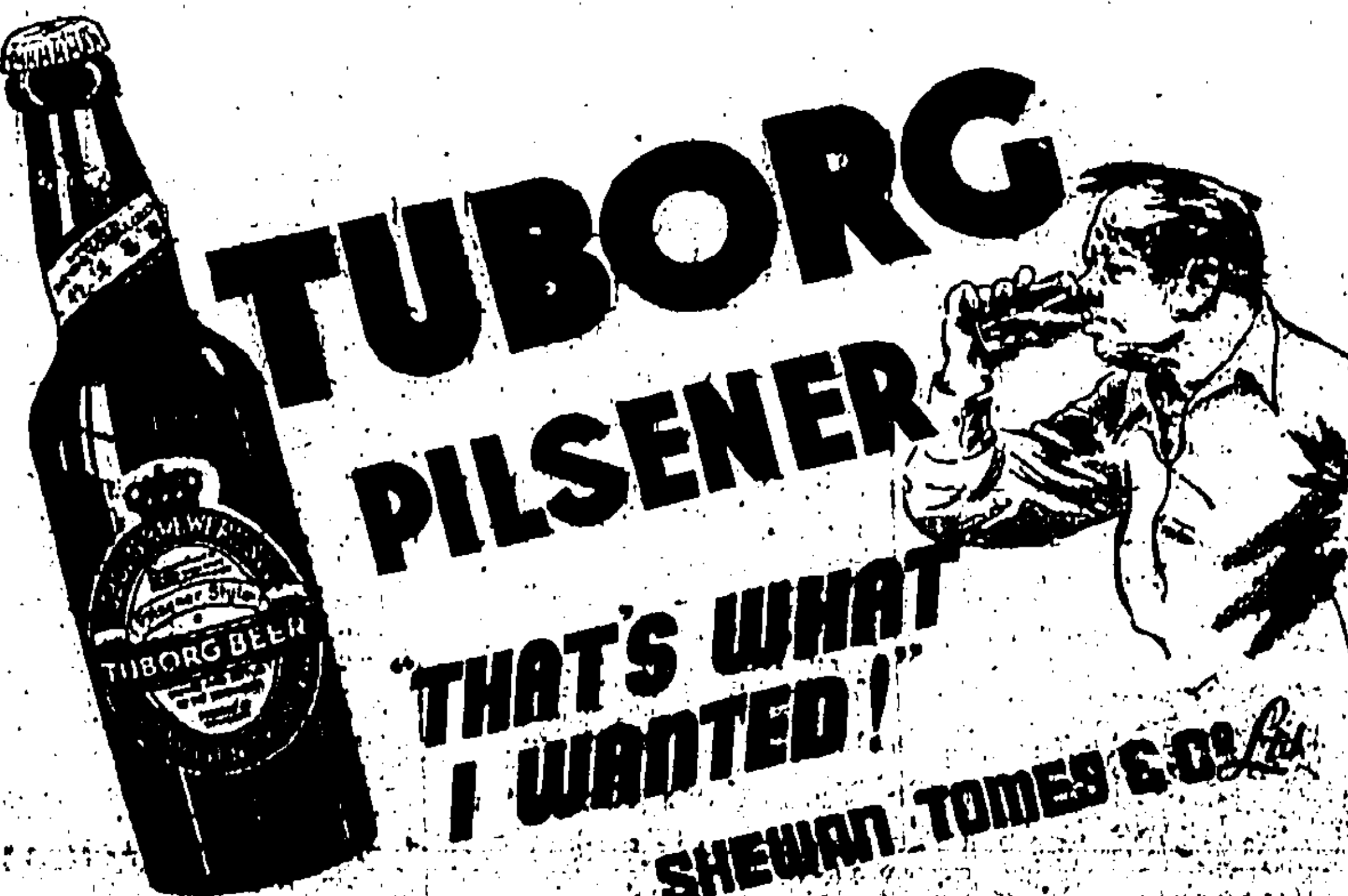
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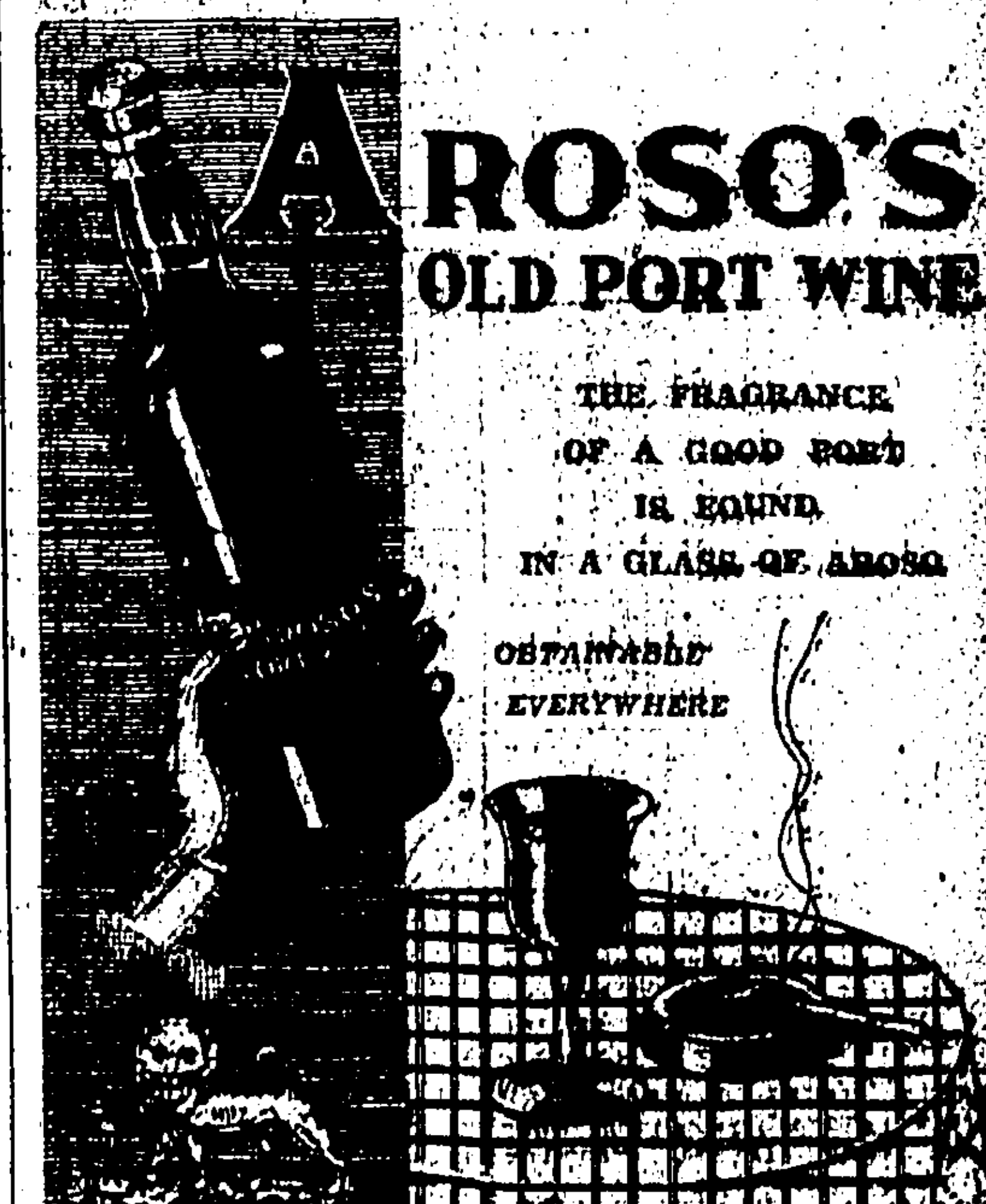
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company Limited, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday the 11th day of April, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 28th March, 1949, to the 11th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 21, 1949.

NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor on Thursday, the 14th day of April, 1949, at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from 2nd to the 14th day of April, 1949, both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 28, 1949.

NOTICE

We have today appointed Mr. Chan Cheuk Ying, our Comptroller. Mr. Pong Wing Tong has no longer any connection with this Company.

By order of the Board, R. A. WICKERSON, Managing Director.

SHWAN TOMES & CO., LTD. Hong Kong, April 1, 1949.

NOTICE

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fortieth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hongkong Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th April, 1949 to the 26th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD. General Managers.

April 4, 1949.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Easter Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 10th and Monday, 18th April, 1949, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 7th April, 1949.

By Order, S. A. SLEAP, Secretary.

NOTICE

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

48th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobson Room of the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 23rd April, 1949, at Noon, for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet, and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Directors and Auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend and bonus, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 14th April, 1949 to 23rd April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board, R. A. WICKERSON, Managing Director.

Hong Kong, April 4, 1949.

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East should reach as high as 5-Hearts. Do you know any way to bid the deal that will enable East to have solid information on which to base his decision? Nobody in this particular game could be sure of anything except a guess, and even that depended on a surprise in what the declarer finds in the dummy.

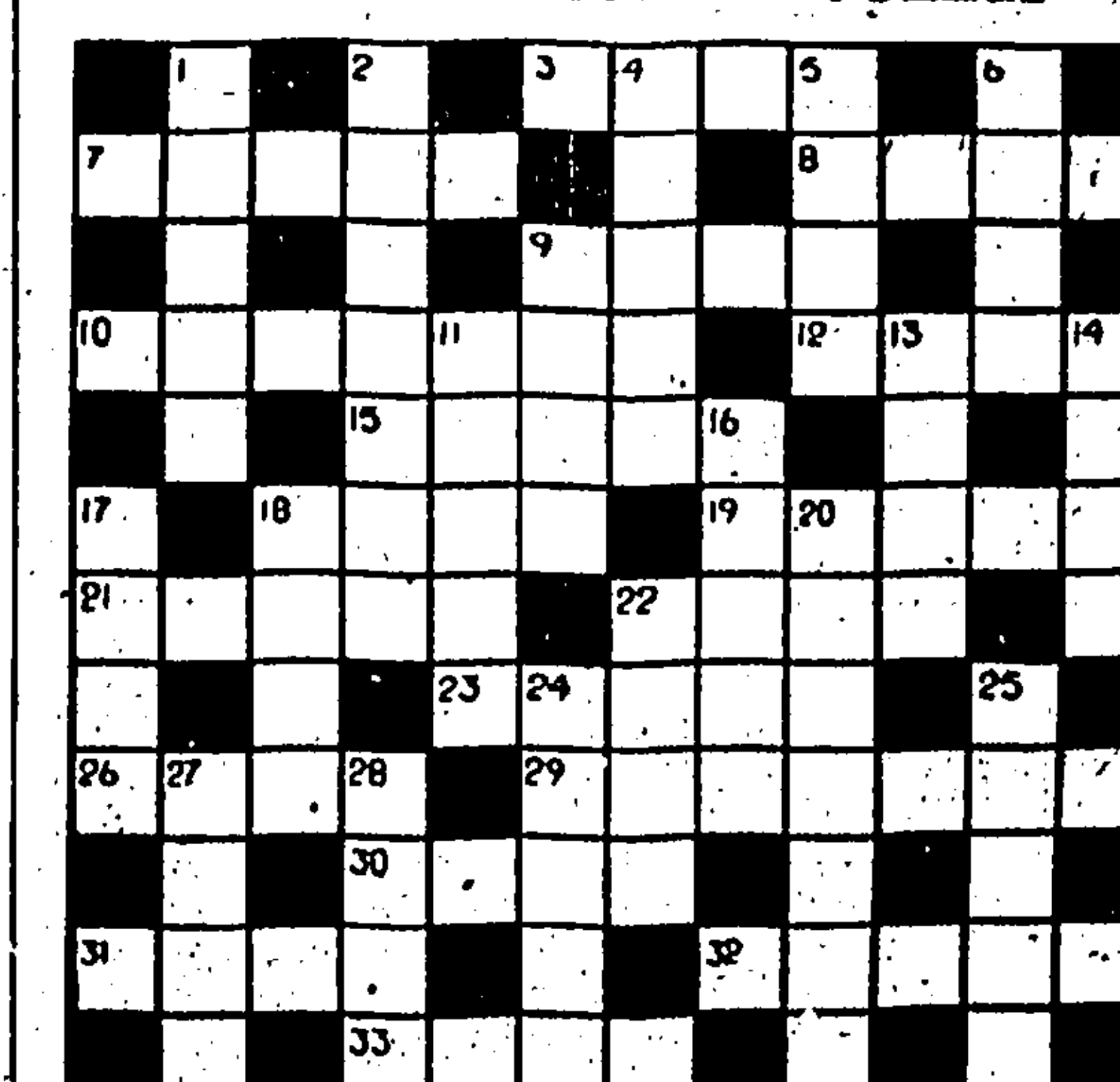
That none-too-hot-looking dummy is really good enough to make 6-Hearts a sure thing for East unless a club is opened or South holds up the diamond A until the third round of the suit. If he does anything else, East can get club discard on the diamonds. There was no difficulty to the making of the 4-Spades contract if South manages to play the clubs effectively, as happened at every table. One trick was lost in each side suit.

Tomorrow's Problem

Dealer South East-West vulnerable

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Across

3 Dross.
7 Wall.
8 Gaps.
9 Inclination.
10 Solace.
12 Vast.
15 Take with-out right.
18 Oriental ruler.
19 Rascal.

Down

1 Drawing-room.
2 Take for granted.
4 Applaud.
5 Legend.
6 Booty.
9 Render.
11 Indistinct.
13 Willow.
14 Smooth.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Agenda, 7 Ebon, 9 Flood, 10 Later, 11 Oath, 13 Experiment, 15 Aids, 16 Root, 18 Reconnoitre, 23 Sit, 24 Rends, 26 Veil, 28 Ogle, 29 Letter.

DOWN: 2 Group, 3 Nadir, 4 Affame, 5 Detonate, 6 Port, 8 Beds, 12 Haste, 13 Earns, 14 Ex-ternal, 17 Oris, 18 Morsel, 20 Pivot, 21 Nerve, 23 Trap.

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SENSATIONAL LIBEL CASE COMES TO END

Paris, April 4.
Victor Kravchenko, Russian-born author of the anti-Soviet best seller "I Chose Freedom," was today granted 150,000 francs' damages for libel against "Les Lettres Francaises," the French Communist weekly.

The amount was not immediately known, but he had asked for 6,000,000 francs.

Defence counsel announced that they would appeal against the decision. The judgment brought to an end a hectic eight-week hearing, punctuated by insults shouted in several languages from both sides, and on an occasion by physical violence.

Kravchenko complained of articles in the paper alleging that he himself had not written the book and was "incapable of doing so," that he was a habitual drunkard, a "puppet," and "either a liar or a despicable creature."

Ordering "Les Lettres Francaises" to publish the judgment on its front page, the judge, M. Henri Druhon, said the defendants had not proved their allegations, and that there was no justification for such "offensive" epithets.

M. Claude Morgan, manager of the paper, and M. Andre Wurmser, author of one of the articles complained of, were each fined 5,000 francs. "Sim Thomas," the pseudonym that appeared over another article, was also fined 5,000 francs. "Sim Thomas" did not answer Kravchenko's writ and was never identified, but his fine stands as a result of the court's decision.

The defence refused to identify "Sim Thomas" because they claimed this would get him into trouble in the United States. The article had described him as an American Secret Service agent.

Able To Write

Kravchenko's men and women police continued off the small courtroom at the Palais de Justice more than an hour before the judgment was given, at only about 100 people sought permission to the public benches.

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BRITAIN'S AIRCRAFT EXPORTS

London, April 4.
The Supply Minister, George Strauss, today told the House of Commons that Mosquito aircraft were shipped to Czechoslovakia last year.

Czechoslovakia was the only "Iron Curtain" country mentioned by Mr. Strauss in the list of military aircraft exports in 1948. Replying to Conservative Members' questions on the exports of Mosquitoes, Spitfires, Hurricanes, and Mustangs, Mr. Strauss gave the following list without mentioning the numbers: Mosquitoes—Belgium, Czechoslovakia, the Dominican Republic, New Zealand, France, Norway, Sweden and Turkey. Spitfires—Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Holland, India, Norway, Portugal, South Africa and Sweden.

Vampires—France, India and Norway. Tempests—India and Pakistan. Meteors—Argentina, Belgium, France and Holland. United Press.

Paris, April 4.
The four representatives in Paris of Dr. Ho Chi Minh, the Vietnamese revolutionary leader, who described themselves as the semi-official representatives of the Vietnamese Revolutionary Movement, were today indicted in Paris for subversive activities. They will be tried before the Paris correctional courts. —Reuter.

HARSH EXCLUSION MEASURES IN AUSTRALIA AHEAD

Canberra, April 4.

The Australian Cabinet will meet on Thursday to consider legislation proposed by the Immigration Minister, Mr. Arthur Calwell, for a stringent tightening of the Immigration Act.

A fortnight ago, Mr. Calwell announced that he would seek amendments to correct the weaknesses disclosed in the Australian High Court judgment in favour of Mrs. Annie O'Keefe, who sought an injunction against deportation.

Mrs. O'Keefe came to Australia as a refugee from Indonesia during the war and married an Australian.

The High Court, by a majority decision, ruled that Mrs. O'Keefe was not a "prohibited immigrant" upon her arrival in Australia and had not been asked to submit to a dictation test within five years of landing here as required under the present Immigration Act. The dictation test is used to establish whether a person is a prohibited immigrant.

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Less Divorce In America

Washington, April 4.
There has been a sharp decline in the divorce rate in the United States during the past two years, according to Government figures. Marriages also have declined. The Public Health Service estimates that there were 45,000 divorces granted last year compared with 47,000 in 1947, and a record number of 610,000 in 1946. The marriage rate last year was 1,105,000, compared with 1,091,878 in 1947 and more than 2,000,000 in 1946. —Reuter.

Smallpox In Liner

London, April 4.
The Ministry of Health revealed today that a passenger aboard the liner Mooltan, who died at sea on April 1, had been suffering from smallpox and warned that further cases might develop among those who left the ship at London and Marseilles.

The Mooltan arrived in the Port of London from Australia on April 2, with 953 passengers and 411 crew.

A Ministry statement issued today said that all but two of these had been vaccinated or re-vaccinated before leaving the ship, but added:

"There is a definite likelihood that further secondary cases may occur during the next fortnight."

Local authorities had been advised of the names of all persons aboard the ship, including a number who left without vaccination when it called at Marseilles, and the addresses to which they had gone. —Reuter.

SWITZERLAND NEUTRAL BUT NOT INDIFFERENT

Lausanne, April 4.

Switzerland's strict neutrality does not mean that she must remain indifferent to attempts to build a European organisation. The Swiss Foreign Minister, M. Max Petitpierre, told the annual Swiss Radical Democratic Congress this today.

Addressing the Congress here he said: "The world today is half way between peace and war. Diplomacy is paralysed and one sees no way out. It has become more difficult to operate our neutrality policy. Thus, whatever we do or do not do, we are open to the charge of taking sides or of serving the interests of one determined policy."

"This is why we must act scrupulously. We must stand aside from any political or military alliance. This does not, however, mean that we must be hostile or remain indifferent to all the efforts which are being made to replace the present order by an organisation of Europe of all Europe."

"This is the only path that can lead to lasting peace."

M. Petitpierre envisages a European organisation which would respect national diversities, and the right of each people to live under the form of government it has freely chosen by mutual consent.

Subtle Struggle

"We seem to be still far from the day when all these conditions will be realised," he said. "We must not let ourselves be paralyzed by the fear of an obscure future."

The current struggle between the two different concepts of life might not develop into war, he added.

TRADE TREATY

Rome, April 4.
A commercial agreement has been signed in Rome between Italy and Holland and the Netherlands East Indies, for a considerable increase in reciprocal trading. A separate list of goods has been established for exchange between Italy and the Dutch East Indies. —Reuter.

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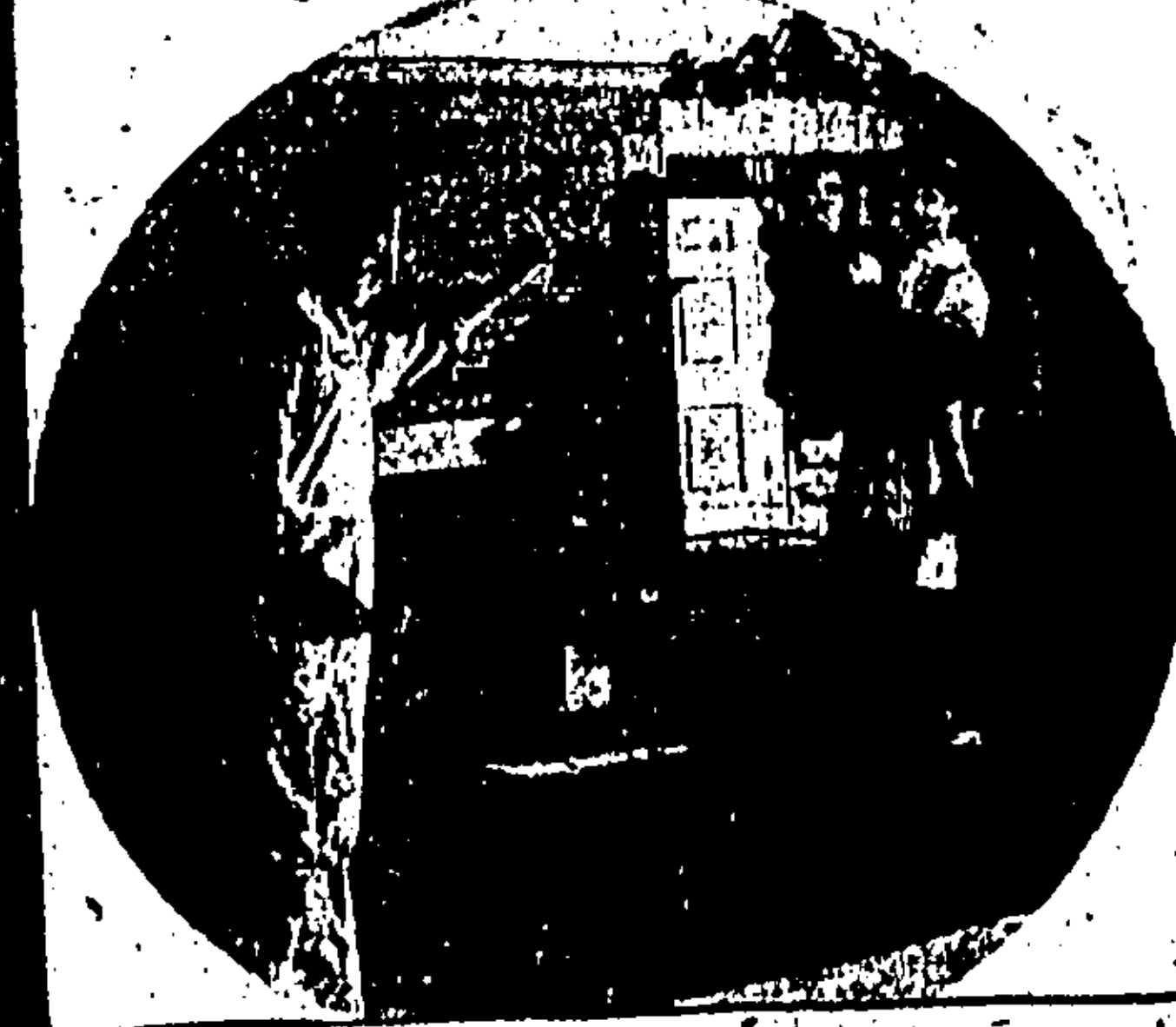
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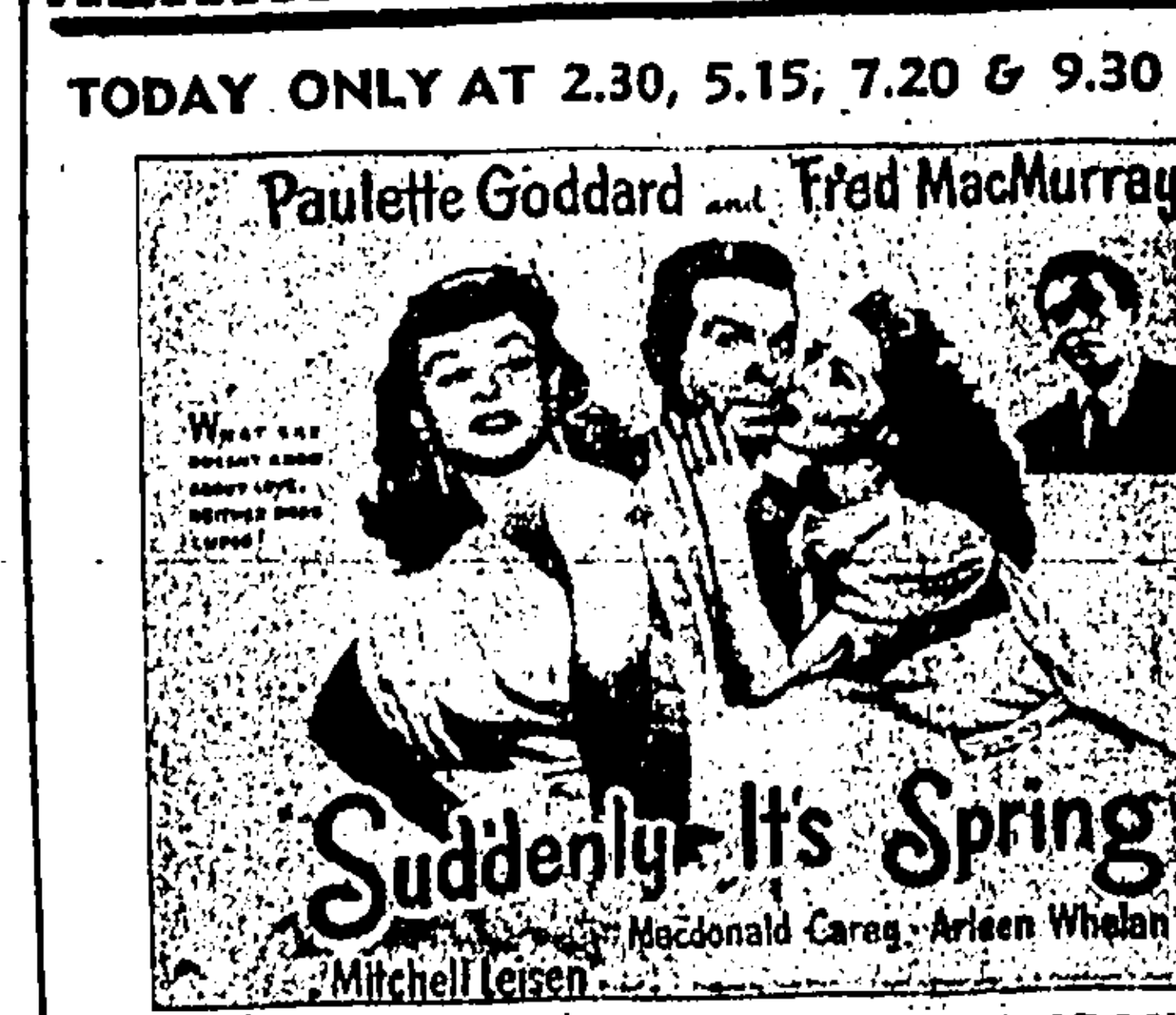


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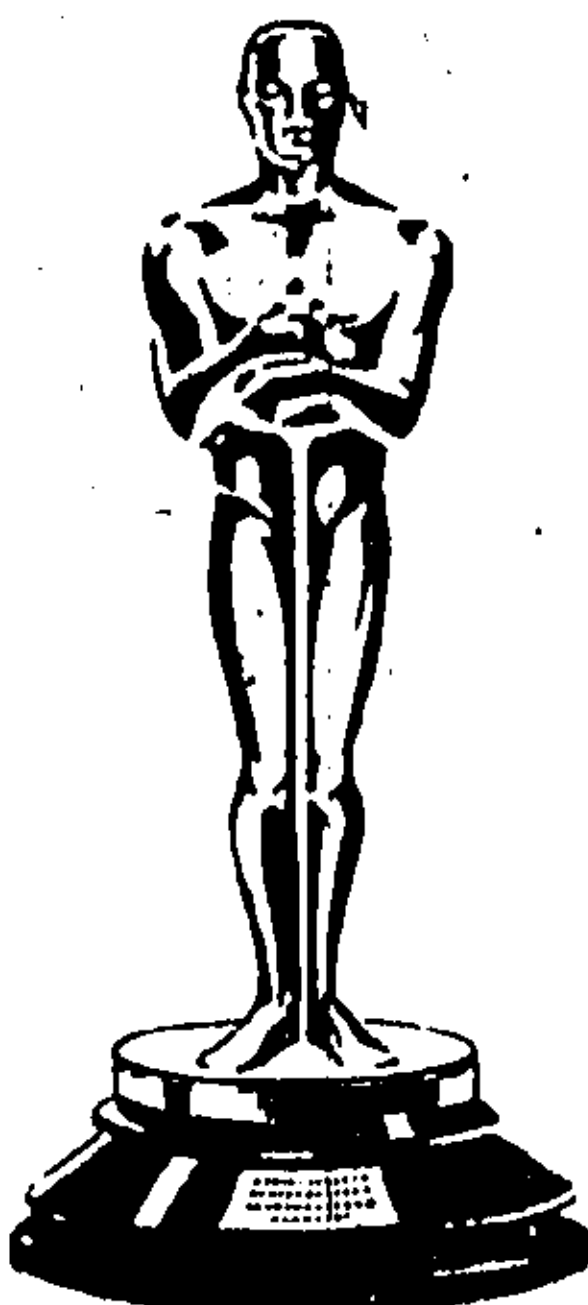
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JANE WYMAN WON ACADEMY AWARD
WITHOUT UTTERING A SOUND

Acclaimed one of the most moving films of all time, Warner Bros. JOHNNY BELINDA will open at the King's and Lee Theatres simultaneously tomorrow, Thursday, April 7.

Entirely devoid of any glamour, but bold and daring in its conception and realisation, JOHNNY BELINDA is a brave venture in unorthodox movie making. It is a simply told tale of love and betrayal, but through the meritorious team work of all Warner departments, this simple tale becomes as rich and deeply touching film as has been offered on local screens in a long, long time.

Briefly, the drama relates the plight of Belinda McDonald, who does most of the chores on her father's bleak farm. No one pays any attention to her and kindness is unknown to her, until the village doctor appears and tries to educate her. Life takes on new meaning as a hitherto unknown world opens up before her, until one night a bully attacks her. Her life then becomes a public scandal and she is ostracised. She fights for her baby and kills her attacker. Placed on trial the doctor comes to her assistance in a most unusual climax.

It will be appreciated that by the time Belinda has been acquitted and reunited with her doctor, Miss Wyman has had to run through pretty well every conceivable expression of human emotion—all without uttering a sound. With only her eyes and gestures to speak the lines, she maintains a dramatic grip on the film and the audience that is overwhelming. One will not easily forget her trembling animal eagerness when, with the doctor's help, she first struggles to burst out of the loneliness which previously imprisoned her; or the silent screams of the seduction sequence; or the mute bliss of the young nursing mother.

Miss Wyman gives an extraordinary performance and it is only fitting that she should be

voted the Academy Award for the best performance by an actress in 1948:

No less inspiring is Lew Ayres in the strongly contrasting role of the selfless young doctor through whose sympathy, untiring efforts and eventually love, Belinda is able to rise

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Lew Ayres, the actor who's taken more pulses than any living player on the screen today, is back at it again.

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woefully mistreated by her father, Charles Bickford, and by the townspeople of her Cape Breton Island village.

Incidentally, Lew Ayres entered the movies in the Hollywood tradition. He was picked from the floor of the Roosevelt Hotel where he was dancing with his girl and offered a contract. Greta Garbo chose him for her leading man in THE KISS, a role which was followed by another in the Academy Award winning ALL QUIET OF THE WESTERN FRONT.

KNOW THYSELF—
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Jane Wyman accomplished what every well-known star fiercely desires — complete anonymity.

As Belinda McDonald, the character she portrays in JOHNNY BELINDA, Jane wears an old, dirty mother-hubbard. Her hair is dishevelled and she wears no make-up whatsoever.

Because of the nature of her role, Jane was able to walk the streets of historic Fort Bragg during shooting and neighbouring Noyo and Mendocino just as any other tourist.

Not once, during her month's stay in the northern California town, was Miss Wyman recognised by townspeople. She, however, heard herself described innumerable times by many a town gossip who declared to associates that he was a "good friend" of hers.

Listening in on herself, so to speak, Jane has learned that she is a blonde, brunette, red-haired, beautiful, bright, good-natured, kind, bad-natured, and even pensive!

Sharing stellar honours with Jane in JOHNNY BELINDA is Lew Ayres. These two under Jean Negulesco's skilled direction turn in two of the year's outstanding performances.



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Jane Wyman as Belinda, the girl who seeks no vengeance—not even for the ugly memory time will not wash away. A gripping scene from Warner's JOHNNY BELINDA opening tomorrow at the King's and Lee Theatres.

above her great handicap and find happiness.

Sterling performances are also given by Charles Bickford as Belinda's outwardly stern father; Agnes Moorehead as his sour housekeeper sister and Stephen McNally as the village bully whose brutality to Belinda leads to the dramatic climax of the picture. Director Jean Negulesco has kept the warmth and appeal of Belinda paramount in his deft handling of every phase of the drama.

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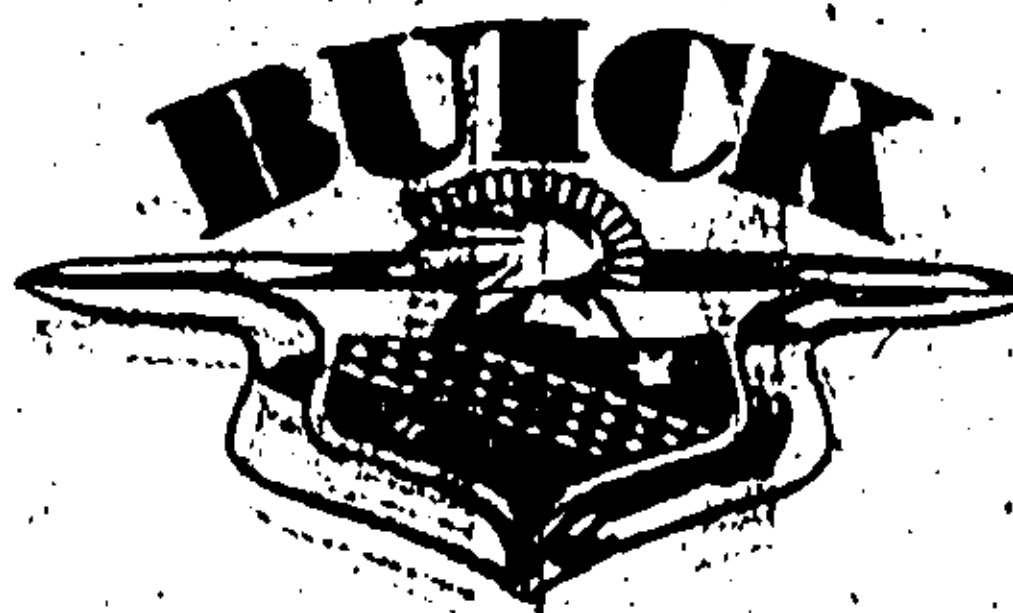
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RUSSIAN ATTACK ON IRANIAN ARMY POST

Tehran, April 4.

A Russian regiment is reported to have attacked an Iranian army post in North West Azerbaijan a few days ago and an important battle was fought.

Reports said that the Russians used tanks and armoured cars and crossed the border in the Padebil district near the Caspian Sea.

GREEK APPROACH TO TITO

Athens, April 4.

The Foreign Minister, Constantinos Tsaldaris, said today that a Greek-Yugoslav settlement is within the realm of possibility but that no negotiations have begun.

Greece's principal stipulation in any such accord would be that Yugoslavia and to Greek minorities must stop.

Improvement in Greek-Yugoslav relations would be a very substantial contribution toward re-establishing peace and order in this part of the world, he said.

The Foreign Minister pointed out that the Greek-Yugoslav frontier is within the realm of possibility but that no negotiations have begun.

Greece would be pleased further to develop good relations by giving whatever other economic facilities are possible to Yugoslavia.

Asked how Albania and Bulgaria would react to a possible Greek-Yugoslav rapprochement, Tsaldaris said: "That depends on the situation. Albania and Bulgaria get from the Communist Party."

Discussing the common enemy, he said: "The common enemy is the German and Japanese invader. That Greece would welcome Anglo-American aid and Mr. Tsaldaris emphasized that the question of military aid depends on the Greek-German situation."

STORMY NIGHT

London, April 4.

Shipping is suffering today at an early hour from the British coast after one of the stormiest nights for many years. At times the wind attained a velocity of 120 kilometres per hour.

Gales, delayed today, transferred from Dunkirk, today.

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Singapore To Have A Housing Survey

Singapore, April 3.

First practical steps towards relieving the housing congestion by the provision of more houses in Singapore has been taken by the Colony's Legislative Body.

The city's legislators have approved the immediate preparation of a diagnostic survey of the housing requirements in this Colony. The survey, to cost Straits \$500,000, will cover a period of three years.

The diagnostic survey, according to the Commissioner of Lands, Mr. C. W. A. Bennett, will find out how many people have to be dealt with, particulars of their work, size of the families and their needs for public facilities such as schools and the like.—Associated Press.

'BRILLIANT MAN' WAS A SUICIDE

London, April 4.

A coroner found yesterday that Professor Vladimir Tchernavin, brilliant Russian refugee scientist, killed himself with gas after watching the woman to whom he was devoted die of cancer.

Tchernavin, aged 61, was found dead in a West End flat last Friday, Miss Anna Drew died there the previous night. She was a British Broadcasting Corporation broadcaster.

GUARDS FOR EMBASSIES

Rome, April 4.

Extra guards were thrown around the British and American Embassies today as the Italian authorities ordered a special police and army alert against possible Communist disturbance following the signing of the Atlantic pact.

Extra police guards were also posted around the British and American Consulates in all major cities and at Italian Government buildings.

Two dozen additional men and two police jeeps comprised the special force assigned to the United States Embassy in Rome.—United Press.

DRAGNET OUT FOR STANLEY

London, April 4.

The police authorities today had still no news of Mr. Sydney Stanley, the Lynskey Tribunal witness who failed to report to them on Saturday. Scotland Yard last night ordered a widespread check at ports, airports and air companies.

Stanley is due to appear on Wednesday to answer a summons under the Bankruptcy Act.

By failing to report to the police he has made himself liable to prosecution for a breach of the Aliens Order.

In New York today, Marcus Wulkan, Stanley's brother, said he heard unofficially that Stanley might have reached Israel.

"I was hopeful that my brother would go to Israel," he told Reuters. "I am, of course, anxious to know of his whereabouts."

A Reuter despatch from Tel Aviv today said that nothing was known there of the whereabouts of Stanley.

His lawyer, Mr. Max Seligman, who had applied for but failed to secure his arrest for Stanley, said he has absolutely no knowledge of Stanley's plans or movements.

The leaders of the Moruth Party (formerly the Irugu Zvai Leumi terrorists), experts in smuggling people into Palestine, also professed ignorance of Stanley's movements.

An Israeli official spokesman stated definitely that Stanley had arrived in Israel without a visa he would be "returned whence he came" like any other lawless person.

Some observers in Tel Aviv believe nevertheless that Stanley—stated at the Tribunal already to have used six names in his career—might arrive under another name, with papers apparently in order.—Reuter.

U.S. TREASURY

Washington, April 3.

US Treasury position on March 31 compared with the corresponding date a year ago:

TOTAL DEBT: US\$23,065,593,000.83 and US\$23,065,593,000.83
GOLD ASSETS: US\$ 24,318,315,072.47 and US\$ 23,136,428,596.57
—Associated Press.

Paderewski Bequests Revealed

Paris, April 4.

The late Dr. Ignace Paderewski, world famous pianist and first Prime Minister of the Polish Republic, left about £14,000 to five Polish universities, the Polish Embassy announced here today. The will, drawn up in 1930, was opened last week in a Paris Judge's office.

A Polish Embassy spokesman said today that the money was left to the Universities of Cracow, Jagiellonia, Wroclaw and Poznan and the Conservatoire of Warsaw, to provide scholarships.

Dr. Paderewski also left £250 per annum to his brother Joseph and his half-sister Maria, and £5,000 to his former secretary. His wife, Madame Helga Paderewski, who died in 1934, and other relatives who have died since the will was made, were also mentioned, the spokesman added.

The total value of the Paderewski estate was about £250,000.

Maitre Bricout, Polish Embassy collector here, told Reuters that Dr. Paderewski stated in his will: "I ask pardon of all which I may have offended. I myself pardoned everyone save those who govern my country for their personal ends."

Maitre Bricout said that as Dr. Paderewski's fortune consisted mostly of property in Switzerland, Brazil and the United States, the total value of £250,000 is a very rough figure. The properties are being revalued.—Reuter.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA

Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1948

	1947. (Adjusted)	1947. (Adjusted)
Capital—		
Stock authorised and issued	3,000,000	3,000,000
(There is under the Charter a reserve liability of the Stockholders equal to the amount of Stock issued.)		
Reserve Fund	3,000,000	3,000,000
Profit and Loss Account	406,437	406,437
Current and other Accounts, including Reserves for Contingencies, Taxation on profits to date, and Exchange Adjustments	108,278,896	100,072,182
Fixed Deposits	12,131,013	10,086,244
Notes in Circulation	3,522,196	3,522,196
Bills Payable	1,208,755	1,208,755
Loans Payable	2,411,250	1,342,500
Deposits by Nominees	381	381
Proposed Final Dividend, less income tax	99,000	115,500
Acceptances, including Undertakings to Accept on Account of Customers	4,362,311	2,890,307
	132,014,704	110,886,473
Current Assets—		
Cash in Hand and at Bankers	19,465,636	23,110,595
Government and other Securities at Market Value—		
Quoted on London Stock Exchange	41,997,090	41,997,090
Quoted on Overseas Stock Exchanges	9,971,908	9,971,908
Dominion Government and other Securities at Local quotations	2,576,723	2,576,723
Hongkong Government Certificates of Indebtedness for surrendered coin lodged against Note Issue	1,700,000	1,700,000
British Government Securities at Market Value—(Quoted on London Stock Exchange) lodged against Note Issue	1,789,375	1,789,375
Bills of Exchange, including Foreign Treasury Bills	3,380,375	3,420,497
Advances to Customers and Other Accounts	3,810,334	4,764,675
Balance of Remittances, Drafts, etc., in Transit between Head Office, Branches and Agencies	60,530,069	37,002,519
Liability of Customers for Acceptances, including undertakings to accept, per contra	728,303	942,506
	4,362,311	2,890,307
	136,062,765	121,115,878
Fixed Assets—		
Subsidiaries—Shareholdings at cost—		
Allahabad Bank Ltd.—37,848 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 100 each of which 14,668 are fully paid and 22,983 are paid up to the extent of Rs. 50 per share at cost	747,705	747,705
Nominee Companies	381	381
The assets of the Nominee Companies amount to £381, repaid by Deposits with the Bank, per contra.		
Bank Premises and Furniture, at cost, less amounts written off	1,424,835	1,424,835
	2,368,396	2,172,921
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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit, apart from the returns referred to in Note (4) on the balance sheet. In existing circumstances it has not been possible to reconcile all outstanding transactions between branches previously occupied by the company and other branches. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the bank so far as appears from our examination of these books and with the above-mentioned exception, proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from the branches which have not been visited by us. We have examined the above balance sheet and annexed profit and loss account which are in agreement with the books of account and returns as aforesaid. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us the said accounts give the information required by the Companies Act, 1948, in the manner so required for banking companies, and on the basis indicated in Note (3) on the balance sheet, such balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the bank's affairs as at 31st December, 1948, and the profit and loss account gives a true and fair view of the profit for the year ended on that date. We have also examined the annexed accounts of the subsidiary, Allahabad Bank Limited, which have not been audited by us (which include particulars regarding Nominee Companies) to give on the basis mentioned above a true and fair view of the state of affairs and of the profit of the bank and its subsidiary as at 31st December, 1948, and so far as is practicable having regard to the fact that the accounts of one subsidiary are made up to a different date and cover a different period of a year from those of The Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China.

LONDON, 9th March, 1949.

Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1948

	1947.	1947.
Allocations—		
Amount written off Bank Premises	180,000	125,000
Officers' Pension Fund	100,000	100,000
Widows and Orphans Fund	15,000	10,000
	295,000	235,000
Dividends Paid and Proposed, less income tax—		
Interim 6% paid 1st October, 1948	99,000	82,500
Final 6% proposed	99,000	115,500
	198,000	198,000
Balance Proposed to be Carried Forward	298,437	406,437
	£298,437	£406,437
Balance Brought Forward from 31st December, 1947	406,437	387,268
Profit, after providing for Taxation and after making allocations to Contingency Accounts, out of which Accounts full provision has been made for doubtful debts	467,111	448,058
Notes—		
(1) The aggregate emoluments received by the Directors for their services amounted to £14,898.		
(2) Auditors' fees for the year are £2,200.		
(3) The nominees' subsidiaries do not trade and their accounts show neither profit nor loss.		
	£298,437	£406,437

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THE ROYAL MEMOIRS

By H.R.H. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

Into The Navy

The happiest hours of all were those in which we were left to our own devices, and these were spent mostly on our bicycles. The parks and woodlands of Sandringham, even more than Windsor and Balmoral became enchanted trails for two boys and a girl on rubber wheels. As a special treat we were allowed to bicycle down to the village of Wotton to watch the afternoon train come in pick up the mail, and maybe buy some sweets at the shop.

Mr. Jones

If I have never known what it means to be snobbish, it is in no small measure because of the happy example of a village schoolmaster, Mr. Walter Jones, who took over our teaching whenever Hansell went off on his holidays.



My father at Balmoral.

Jones, speaking with a rich Yorkshire burr, was a pole removed from Hansell. But Jones was a first-rate amateur naturalist, and had a wonderful way with dogs and birds, and he would take us rambling through the woodlands and on the marshes and teach us where to look for the nests of the different species of birds and to recognise their calls.

Captains

And, having seen the feeble efforts of Bertie and me to play football with Mary, he organised two teams among the sons of the coachmen, gardeners, gamekeepers, and other employees of the estate.

If royal protocol required that my brother and I be named Captain that guaranteed us no additional consideration in the scrimmage.

The point about life at Sandringham in that for all the outward luxury and grandiosity, the core was a substantial human understanding.

I used to tag along after my grandfather and my father while they made the rounds of the estates, discussing general problems with the agent and tenant farmers or consulting Jackson, the head gamekeeper about the shooting. My father felt an abiding sense of responsibility for all these people.

That no one stood on ceremony at Sandringham was illustrated by a little incident that occurred one winter on the pond.

My father fancied himself as a fast skater and he challenged Finch to a race.

On a sharp turn, Finch, noted for his clumsiness, crashed into my father, who went down in a lump and lay quite still.

As the horrified valet tried to raise my father's head, my father's sense returned; a nautical oath went, Finch fleeing toward the bank.

'I'll Best Him'

Slowly my father came to his feet and without a word skated to shore, rubbing a tremendous lump on his forehead.

That evening I found him in his study pouring a mild drink. His eyes twinkled. "You go to, Finch," he said, "and tell him there's no hard feelings, and tell him I'm going to beat him tomorrow."

I grew up before the age of photography. We were seldom recognised on

now be joining, from private firms and the civil service, but progress seems to be slow. Some publicity of the right kind is needed. Further, it is very much in the people's interest that more news should be issued at regular intervals about what developments are taking place. The Forge is the concern of all, not just of the defence chiefs.

The ink dropped down my neck, ruining one of the few white shirts that I possessed; a moment later the bugle sounded off "Quarters," and the sixth-termers dashed away to fall in their ranks, leaving me in a terrifying dilemma for which nothing that I had ever known under the good Hansell seemed to supply a solution.

If I went to "Quarters" dripping red ink, the Officer of the Day would surely ask questions which I would be obliged to answer; that would mean telling on the seniors.

And if I missed "Quarters" my name would be put in the commander's morning report, with a consequent bad mark on my record.

Yet, while my training had all been in the direction of supporting the constituted authority in all circumstances, a dim instinct inclined me to the latter alternative, for I wisely reasoned that my punishment at the commander's hands would be as nothing compared to what the seniors would mete out if I told.

So I slunk away in the darkness to get a clean shirt out of my sea chest.

'Sentenced'

Next morning, as I feared, my name went up on the defaulters list, and I was sentenced to spend the leisure hours of the next three days in alternately running briskly around the stable yard while holding a rod stiffly between my shoulder blades and facing the paintwork for an hour in the seaman's room.

Another form of "hazing" which caused me no little discomfort was a mock ceremony performed, if I can rightly recall by the name persecutors.

An empty classroom window was raised far enough to push my head through, and then banged down on my neck, a crude reminder of the sad fate of Charles I, and the British capacity to deal with royalty who talked out of turn.

Quite a while after the sound of the seniors' retreating, my cries attracted a sympathetic passer-by, who released me, fortunately with my head intact.

Yet, aside from these relatively mild Republican correctives, my life at Osborne was no different from that of any other British naval cadet, which, by contrast with the pampering that goes on today in the name of progressive education, was a fairly Spartan business.

Our Day

Our term was divided into two watches. Starboard for the top or rainy half; Port for the dumber.

We filled two of the 12 dormitories, each named for a British admiral, which were grouped around the old stables of Osborne House, erected by my great-grandmother.

My dormitory bore the famous name of Exmouth, and the narrow margin by which I qualified as a naval cadet may be judged by the fact that I began my naval career in the Port watch, Class 3, the very bottom.

"Reveille" at six o'clock in summer and 6.30 in winter was proclaimed on a blaring bugle that made me yearn for Pipe-Major Forsyth's bagpipes.

A moment later a gong would ring us out of bed, and in a convulsive motion we would all kneel down and say our prayers. After the minimum time which in the cadet captain's judgment was required for the Lord to hear and take note of us, he would rank the gong twice, and still half asleep, we would jerk to our feet and, in a communal motion, start brushing our teeth.

Once more the gong would sound—the signal for the plunge into the Arctic pool at the end of the hall.

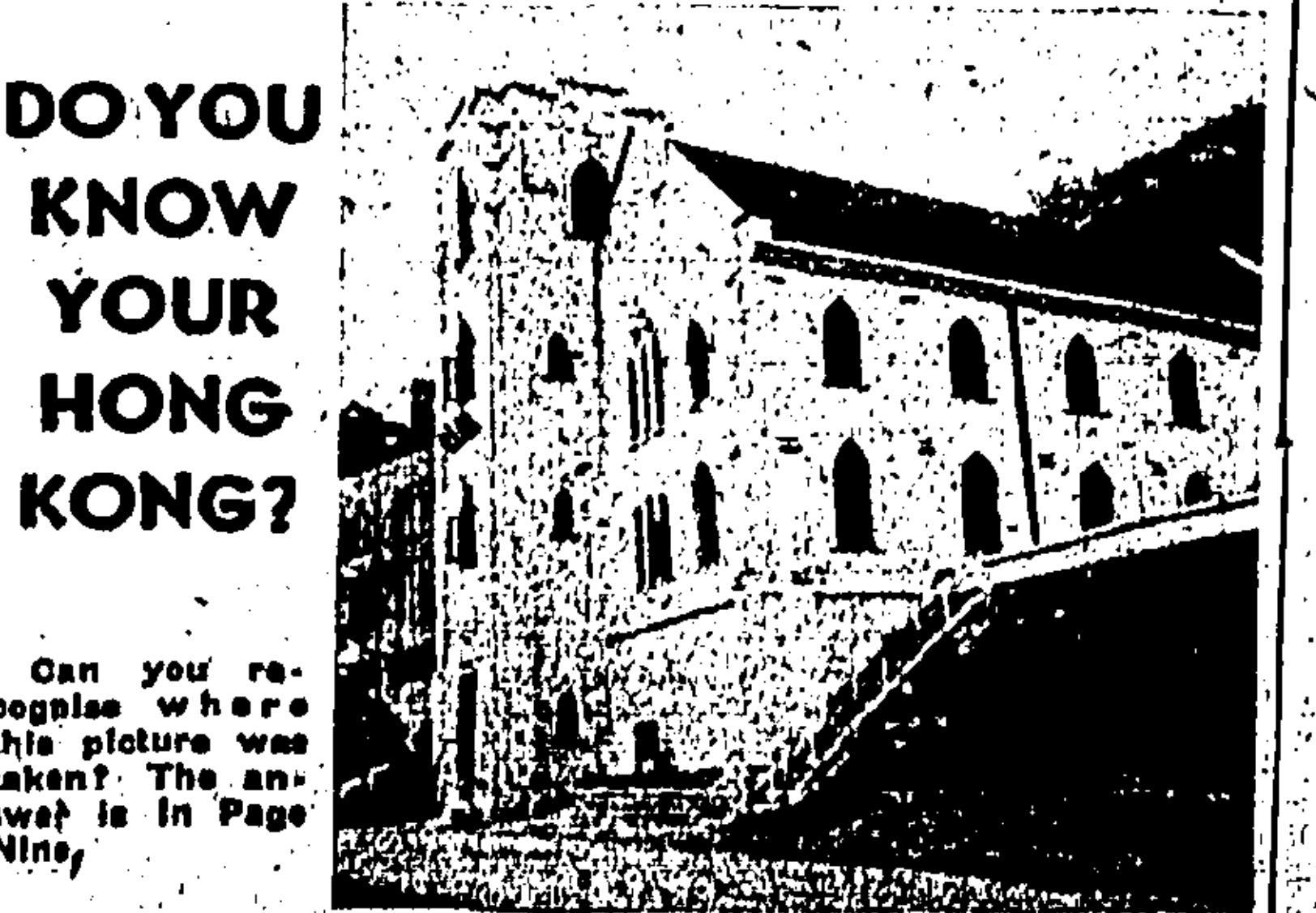
Today, I have only to close my eyes to see again that pathetic crowd of naked, shivering little boys, myself among them, being herded reluctantly toward that green-tiled swimming pool in the first morning light.

In A Dilemma

The privacy of my royal existence was rolled up like a curtain. Within a day or two of their return several sixth or senior-termers decided their Royal Highness Prince Edward would look much better with his fair hair dyed red. So one evening before "Quarters" (Evening Parade), I was cornered by my betters and made to stand at attention while one of them poured a bottle of red ink over my head.

Can you recognize where this picture was taken? The answer is in Page Nine.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?



If at first it seemed especially hard to me, it was because I was caught up, without the previous experience of school, in the unfamiliar community life of small boys with all of its fierce, subtle and wonderful relationships.

After having Finch to take care of my clothes and pick up after me, I now had to look after myself.

And from the comfortable rooms of our different homes I found myself thrust with some 30 other boys into a long, bare dormitory.

The orbit of my living shrank to a cheap iron bed and a black and white sea chest with three compartments in which to keep my clothes a tray and a private tin.

Hansell's earlier misgivings about my ability to hold my own in the classroom were all too convincingly borne out at the end of my first term.

My Progress

Examinations came every four months, and marks were posted for everybody to see how he stood "in the order."

However, according to a peculiar Osborne custom, we cadets when going on leave were required to carry the college report home in a sealed envelope which we handed to our parent or guardian upon arrival.

At the end of the first term I was sent far from the station. However, my father had not complained about the first report; and so, in December 1907, I bore the second home to York Cottage without misgivings.

A man of 75 died of semi-starvation with US\$500,000 in the bank. He only ate one meal a day, so it just goes to show what the restaurants take off you in the course of a lifetime.

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As there was no mention of my marks that evening at dinner I said to myself, "This is fine."

The Report

Then next morning there was Finch with a long face and a chilling summons to the cold library, and a minute later those red cloth-covered walls witnessed a painful scene.

My father looked me in the eye. "David," he said, "I am sorry to have to tell you that you have a bad report. Read it."

It was a curt, cruel document, which bore no relation whatever to my own appraisal of my efforts. The sad fact was that mathematics, that spectre of Hansell's tutoring, had in all of its hideous aspects pursued me to Osborne.

And without applied mathematics, navigation and engineering, the two pillars of a naval officer's education were lost to me.

My father's remedy for this crisis was to engage a master from Osborne, and as soon as Christmas festivities were over, I buckled down to work, forgoing, in the interest of my survival, a great part of my leave.

Yet it all seemed beyond my powers, and I fell prey to an appalling inferiority complex.

When the following spring I took home the third term report, an overpowering was the sense of failure that on being summoned into the library, and without waiting for my father to speak, I burst into tears.

"Come, David," he said, with unexpected kindness, "this is no way for a naval cadet to act. Besides, you have quite a good report this time, and I am pleased with the progress you have made."

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"Stanley Missing." No, Myrtle, it's all right. There's no danger of that happening in Hong Kong. We have too many guides.

"Fire on Lighter." Reminds me, Myrtle, of that double capacity one your mother gave me last Christmas.

Without comment. It is announced that despite the difference in time between Hong Kong and Canton, the express trains were not delayed over the week-end.

The Jap constitution has renounced war. This, the Japs say, is bad for the constitution.

"Being a peaceful nation, Turkey cannot stand aside in a war for peace."

Even if not invited to join a pact for war?

The opposition party in Argentina tore up the president's constitutional reform proposals, threw them at his supporters' benches, and marched out of the Assembly.

It was learned later, from a usually reliable source, that they were not in entire agreement with the proposals.

"China needs said to be willing to hold lines."

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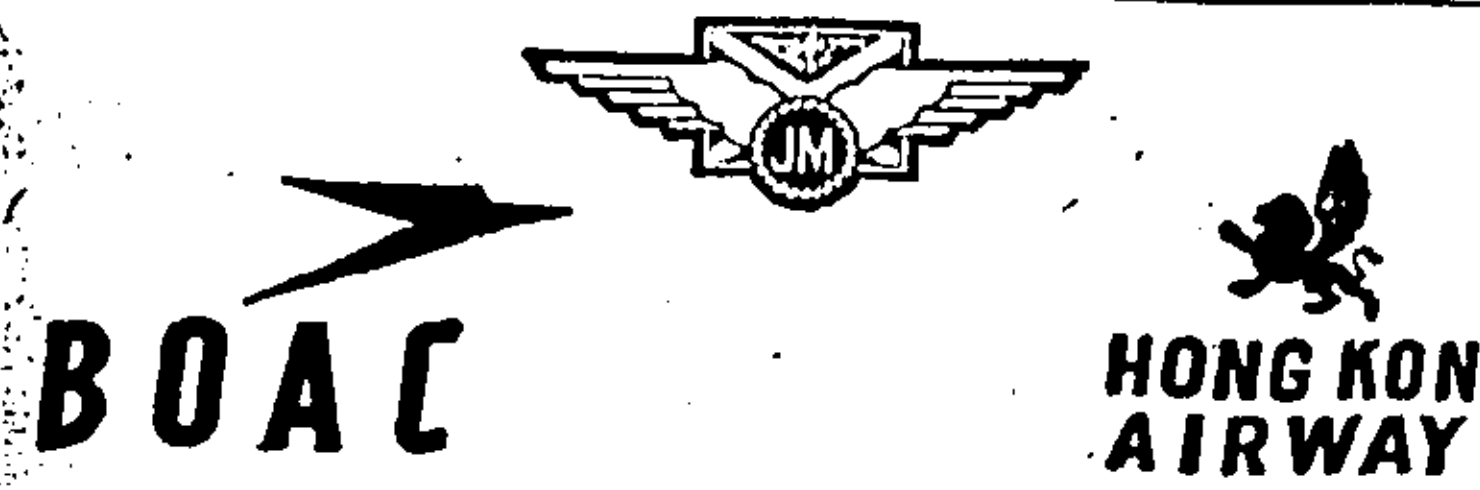
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SIGNING OF ATLANTIC PACT

Historic Ceremony In Washington

AGGRESSORS WARNED

Washington, April 4.

The Foreign Ministers of the 12 Western nations formally signed the Atlantic Pact today, binding their Governments at an historic ceremony here to recognise an attack on one as an attack on all.

Television and news cameras whirled and clicked in the State Department's ornate Auditorium while the Ministers stepped up in alphabetical order of the countries to put the seal to nine months of negotiations for common defence.

The agreement pledges the 12 powers to consult together when their territorial integrity, political independence or security is threatened in any part of the world, to do everything to strengthen their free institutions and eliminate conflict between themselves in the economic field.

The agreement is valid first for 10 years and will then be reviewed for another 10 years.

Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, welcomed the 12 colleagues to the packed Hall and opened the ceremony, declaring: "For those who set their feet on the path of aggression, this treaty is a warning that if it must come, it will come from those who are united to them by whom the offence cometh."

Well-known Foreign Ministers of the 12 other Pact nations and about 1,300 members of the Diplomatic Corps, officials and representatives, Mr. Acheson said, "We are not together to create a cold war. The purpose of this treaty is to create a warm peace, not to create a cold war, but to set a new record for the guidance of men, whether well or ill disposed."

"For those who seek peace, it is a guide to refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. For those who set their feet upon the path of aggression, it is a warning that if it must come, it will come from those who are united to them by whom the offence cometh."

The Reality

"For the reality which is set down here is not created here. The reality is the unity of belief, of spirit, interest of the community of nations represented here. It is the product of many centuries of common thought and of the blood of many simple and brave men and women. The reality lies not in the common pursuit of a material goal or of a power to dominate others. It lies in the affirmation of moral and spiritual values which govern the kind of life they propose to lead, and which they propose to defend by all possible means should that necessity be thrust upon them."

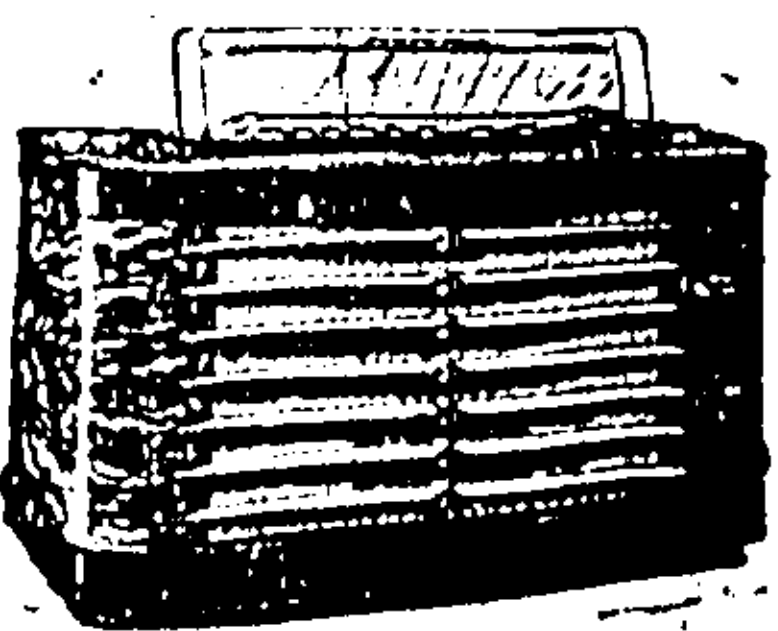
PETITION FOR A REPRIEVE

London, April 4.

Within a few minutes of an appeal against the death sentence on a young mother having been dismissed today, a solicitor was on his way to Whitehall with a petition praying for a reprieve. There were 12,000 signatures on the petition.

Nationwide sympathy has been aroused for the young mother, Mrs. Rene Duffy, aged 19, since she was sentenced for the murder of her husband, aged 23, in Manchester. Her husband was described in the trial as a man who had subjected her to endless cruelty and who, when they quarrelled and she wanted to leave, refused to let her take her baby with her.

Last month, a warrant officer in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps offered to be executed in Mrs. Duffy's place if her appeal failed.



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RUSSIAN PROTEST REJECTED

Ottawa, April 4.

Canada today rejected Russian protests against the signing of the North Atlantic treaty.

In a note handed to Nikolai Belkhovskiy, charge d'affaires of the Soviet Embassy here, Mr. Lester Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, stated: "The treaty is not directed against any country which does not plan aggression. The Canadian Government must categorically deny the accuracy and validity of the Soviet conclusions."—United Press.

Rates War Mediation?

London, April 4.

Indian shippers may be asked to mediate in the "ruinous" rate-slashing offensive now being waged at both ends of the Europe-Indian trade routes.

This is believed to be the reason behind a flight to India planned by Dutch shipper, Mr. P. J. Joon, who is expected to leave in the next few days.

A Director of both the Holland-Bombay-Karachi Line and the Holland-Bombay-Batavia Line, the two companies which withdrew from the Shipping Conference, following differences over trade previously carried in German vessels, Mr. Joon was due to leave Rotterdam, via London, today, but suddenly cancelled his trip.—Reuters.

MALAYAN MEMORANDUM

Singapore, April 5.

The Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce will send a memorandum to Mr. Anthony Eden asking his help to secure changes in the Constitutions of Singapore and the Malayan Federation, according to the Malaya Tribune.

(Mr. Eden recently visited Malaya in the course of a world tour).

The Chamber has appointed a sub-committee to draft the memorandum, according to the paper, around the following five points: (1) The present emergency, (2) The status of Overseas Chinese in Malaya, (3) The Malayan Constitutions, (4) War damages, (5) The rubber and tin industries.—Reuters.

The Hague, April 4. The Royal Dutch Airlines' Amsterdam-Batavia passenger service will fly via Cairo from next Saturday, in addition to normal stops at Aden and Mauritius, it was announced here today.—Reuters.

MOSCOW ATTACK ON THE TREATY

Moscow, April 4.

"Pravda's" commentator, M. Marinin, today alleged that the United States' increasing measures to Americanise Western European armies mean now military lend-lease.

This is another indication of the aggressive character of the Atlantic pact, he said.

He said that not only the quantity of arms was increased by American deliveries "but the whole confidential military system is being converted into an integral part of the American military system under the leadership of the American general staff."

The Soviet commentator said that the groundwork for this scheme was long prepared since the combined Anglo-American military staff continued activity after Germany's and Japan's defeat. He said the Americans are also using the so-called military staff of the Western Union.

M. Marinin said though official data on the scale of new American lend-lease arms to Europe was not yet made public, there was evidence that these were intended to equal the amount of the Marshall Plan.

The "Pravda" writer said: "The export of various arms and intensified preparations for aggression have become one of the most important tasks in American foreign policy. This task is under execution by the State Department, which United States ruling circles, to an increasing extent, are converting into a branch of the General Staff of the armed forces."

"Myth Exposed"

"Pravda" cited General Carter's assignment to London and the visits of the Italian Chief of Staff and the French Chief of Staff to Washington as further evidence of the integration of the Western European armies into the American system.

M. Marinin said all these facts "expose the myth of the alleged defensive character of the Atlantic pact."

He said: "Inconceivable facts clearly confirm that this brain-child of Wall Street and the City of London is intended as a memorandum to Soviet states which are unwilling to submit to the dictates of the Anglo-American group, which is claiming world domination although the second world war that ended with the destruction of Germany who also claimed world domination confirmed the untenable character of such ambitions."—United Press.

RUSSIAN PROTEST TO ITALY

Rome, April 5.

Russia yesterday handed Italy a copy of the formal Soviet protest against the Atlantic Pact.

The protest was delivered to the United States and other Pact founders last Friday. Copies have since been delivered to other Pact signatories.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman predicted that no reply would be made by Italy because the protest is only a copy and not directly addressed to the Italian Government.

It was delivered to the Foreign Office through the Russian Embassy in Rome. News of the delivery was cabled to Italy's Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, now in Washington for the pact signing ceremonies.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman last Friday said the Soviet protest is in no way justified. He added that it contained nothing new to what had already been uttered by Communist members of Italy's Parliament.—Associated Press.

NATIONALISATION IN RUMANIA

Bucharest, April 5.

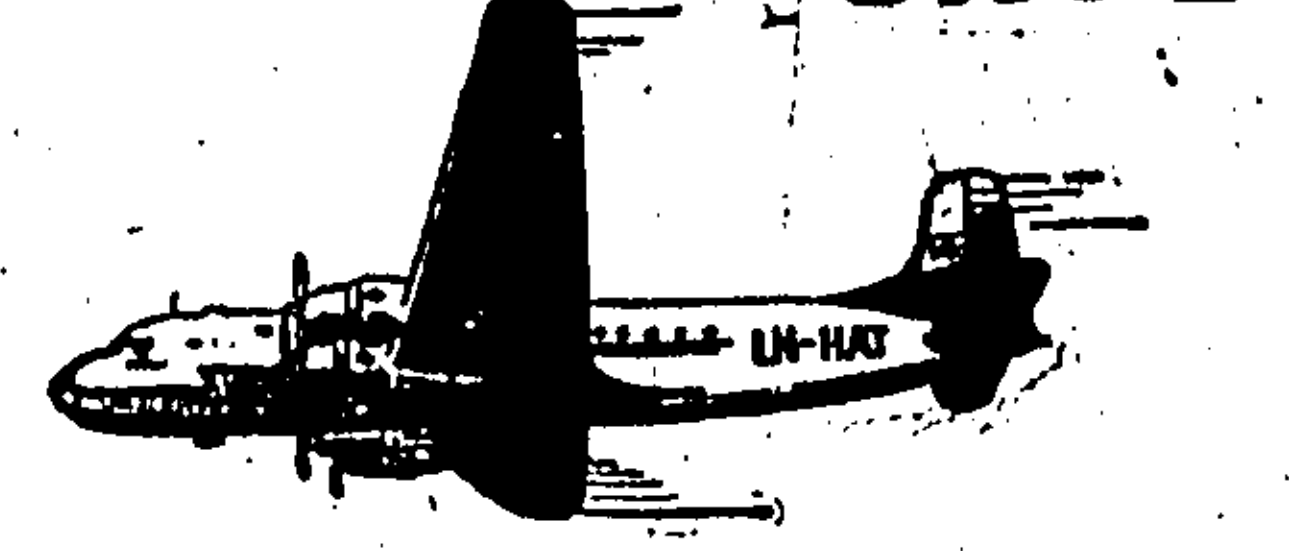
All Rumanian pharmacies will be nationalised under a decree published in Bucharest newspapers today.

Installations belonging to the United Nations are exempt. A commission of three magistrates will determine compensation to be paid.—Reuters.

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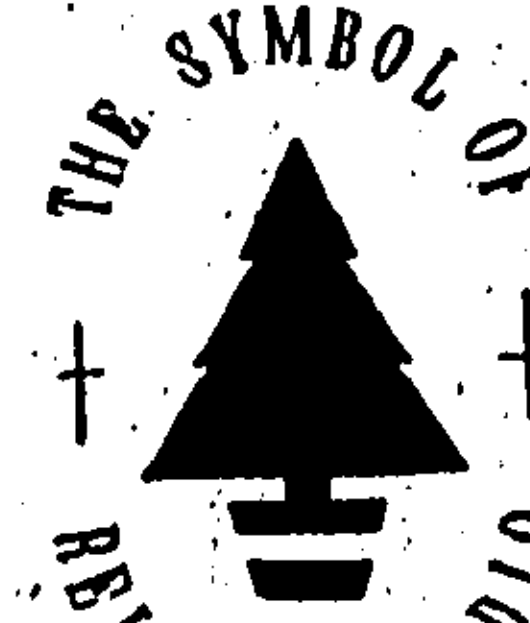
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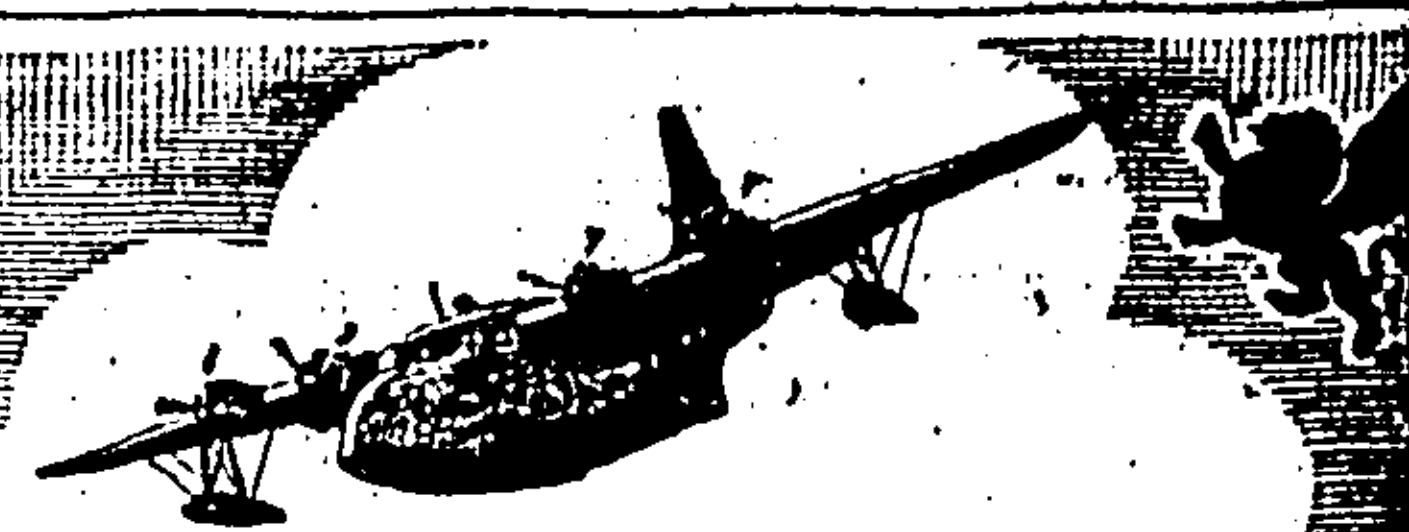
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GOING TO THE FAIR? BEAUTY AND THE BABY

By VISCOUNTESS ASTOR

As I learn more and more about the preparations which are taking place for the British Industries Fair to be held at Earls Court and Olympia in London, and at Castle Bromwich in Birmingham from May 2 to May 13, I hope there will be a great number of women among the visitors from overseas.

I want the women of other countries to come and see "Britain's Great Shop Window" for themselves, for, after all, they are the world's chief shoppers. They can wield enormous power in commerce as, indeed, they can in most other ways of life.

Women like the business of seeing and selecting new things, examining new gadgets and materials and discussing how original ideas and inventions can be applied to everyday life. Men, on the other hand, shop to sell.

I can only invite you to the British Industries Fair. But this is what they have got to tell you, and it is a tale worth listening to.

All overseas buyers who come to Britain to see the Fair, will be welcomed warmly and made to feel very important persons. They will be given every kind of facility to help them conduct their business as easily as possible; they will be given free passport visas, free entry badges and they will be invited to make use of the services of the interpreters and the secretaries.

Last, but by no means least, they will be made members of the comfortable clubs fitted for their use. In these well-furnished rooms they can meet their friends and business associates, rest after the hard physical exercise of walking round the halls, write their letters, and, of course, find a welcome pot of tea and light refreshments.

Buyers And Sellers Meet

The importance of these clubs cannot be stressed too much. They give buyers and sellers an opportunity to get together and discuss export trade from all angles, and such talks are likely to be of benefit to both parties. Here they can meet old friends and make new acquaintances. In addition, such meetings cement what is most important in this modern world—international friendships.

The Fair has been planned solely to show visitors from all over the world the wide range of foods and articles which have been designed for export. And women visitors will be pleased when they see what, despite her post-war difficulties, Brave Old Britain has been able to do.

There will be the products of 1,000 exhibitors to see again this year, in both 1947 and 1948 there were 3,000 exhibitors and they occupied nearly one million feet of space—a record for any national trade fair. In these two post-war years I have mentioned, 32,000 overseas buyers attended, and in 1948 they came from 100 different countries. That was a record, but we hope to see it surpassed this year.

There are two points it would be just as well to remember when you visit the Fair. The first is that it is entirely national in character, and only those goods which have been produced in the United Kingdom or in the British Commonwealth will be displayed. The next thing is that with one exception, only the manufacturers of the actual articles exhibited, take part in it. The exception is one that is likely to appeal especially to women, for it is the Textiles and Clothing section which will be at Earls Court.

New Textile For Women

As there are so many stages of manufacture involved in this industry, wholesale firms who are the sole agents for fabrics are allowed to exhibit. And what a really wonderful section it is, with its new fabrics, modern designs and glowing colourings displayed in an up-to-date way. A woman will be fascinated by the new textiles as she wanders along the

avenues of this section. But, of course there are many other sections which will have a special appeal for her. Take the leather section, for example, which yearly shows marked advances in the jewellery and silverware stalls which show the effect of fine craftsmanship united to first rate design.

All the light industries, by the way, are to be seen in London, at Earls Court and Olympia, while the exhibits of the Hardware and Engineering Industries will be at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham.

But in whichever part of the exhibition you happen to be, you will notice that goods of a certain kind are always grouped together for the convenience of the overseas buyers. They are easy to see, to test for quality and suitability, and it is easy to learn their prices without wandering from point to point in the vast halls. Those in charge of the stalls will be authorised to discuss delivery dates and other business. A clear and comprehensive catalogue will be a great aid. Britain's trade associations have helped to achieve this considered planning.

I wonder if by chance you visited the British Industries Fair before World War II? If you did, one thing will be very noticeable when you see the exhibits this year. For centuries, fine craftsmanship has been the hall-mark of Britain's products, and to-day the standard is as high as it has ever been. But there is this difference—whereas in the past good workmanship was not always accompanied by the newest designs, to-day they are equal partners. The general level of presentation and appearance has risen considerably in the last few years. Britain's manufacturers have realised the vital importance of design, and now, many months before goods are actually evolved, their design is planned by industrial artists. And, of course, many new improvements have resulted from war-time developments.

In order to live during the post-war years, Britain has had to export goods on an unprecedented scale, which indeed, she has never before achieved in the history of her commercial evolution. More than 75 per cent. of her motor car production, for example, is currently sent abroad. In recent years manufacturers have done everything possible to get to know the requirements of overseas markets. They have sent their staffs on travelling expeditions. They have adopted techniques of modern market research.

Just one last hint. The Fair is held in May, a happy time of the year when early summer is donning its gala dress. It is the season when the English countryside looks its freshest, its greenest and its loveliest. If you come to the Fair do not forget to allow yourself a few days' relaxation at least, after your hard work is over, to see some of the charming sights that Britain's countryside has to show.

RECIPE

Twisted Fruit Ring

3 cups self-raising flour, ¼ teaspoon salt, 3 tablespoons golden syrup, 1 egg, 2 oz. shortening, 6 oz. fruit, ½ cup milk, sugar, chopped nuts.

Sift the flour and salt into a basin and add the fruit. Melt the shortening, add the syrup, milk and beaten egg. Stir into dry ingredients, keeping back a little

for glazing. Turn on to a floured board and roll into a long, narrow strip. Cut into two and twist together. Shape into a ring and join the ends together. Place in a greased ring tin or on a greased tray. Glaze and sprinkle thickly with sugar and chopped nuts. Bake in a hot oven, temp. 425 deg. F. gas, 500 deg. F. electric, from 20 to 35 minutes.



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And, of course, your post-natal figure is not exactly the least of your worries, is it? But proper exercises will help you keep your figure and, providing your doctor makes no objections, these can begin in the second or third month and continue until the confinement.

The Exercise

Lie with the head supported, knees up and bent, so that the feet rest on a bed or table. Place one hand on the abdomen and then pull abdomen away from beneath hand. Relax and repeat. Sitting cross-legged, clasp the hands and with the points of the

elbows placed on the inner side of knees, push knees out gently. Sit with the knees apart, one hand on your hip and the other behind the neck. Bend towards the side of the hand that is on the hip and then straighten. Change hands and repeat to opposite side.

Little Things

If your hair is not naturally curly, why not have it permed? There may be times when you won't feel like setting it every night, so a wave would be the best solution.

You will need about three maternity frocks. Still or high heels are definitely out for a while, but a wedge type would be ideal and still look smart. Remember that if you can centre attention on your face, your thickening figure will not be so noticeable to other people.

Even though you may not always feel like making the effort, try to keep yourself just as pretty and nice as in former days. If you did so before, continue to conquer your naps once a week and pay extra attention to your make-up. A light foundation, a dusting of powder and a light application is all you will need. No mascara or false eye-lashes for a while.

Attractive Summer Schools For Women

Summer schools where overseas visitors may study, not only Britain's literature and social conditions, but also some of her loveliest scenery, are an attractive feature of life in Britain. In the summer school programme arranged by the British Council of Women there are two special courses of interest to women.

One of these, on the nursing profession, will be held from July 1 to July 16 and as it will take place in Edinburgh those who attend will have an opportunity of seeing some of Scotland's beauty spots. Visits will also be made to hospitals, institutes and a nurses' home, so that the students will combine work with pleasure.

Another course, planned especially for women who are interested in social work will take place at Brighton, on the south coast of England. Called "Women in Britain" it will be held from September 6 to September 23.

The cost of the first course will be £18; that of the second £22. This includes two nights' accommodation in London and return railway fares from London to the place where the course is to be held, and board and lodging, lectures and excursions during the summer school. Those who want to hear more about these summer schools should write to the Director, Courses Department, the British Council, 3, Hanover Street, London, W.1.



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MR. BEVIN SAYS:

'WEST WILL NOT SHRINK IN FACE OF WAR THREAT'

STRENGTH OF RIVAL GROUPS

Washington, April 4. The North Atlantic Treaty unites 12 Western countries with a total population of 332,439,000—nearly 15 per cent more manpower than the Soviet group.

Russia, with its six Eastern European allies, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania, has a population of 274,739,000.

Assured in manpower, the present armed strength of the Treaty countries and the Soviet bloc is estimated to be roughly the same. This covers the standing armies, navies and air forces but does not include reserves that might be called up in the event of war.

Most of the military manpower of the Atlantic group is centred on the armed forces of the United States, Britain and France. The three countries account for about 3,111,300 of the 12-Power total of 4,148,000.

Russia is the big power of the Soviet group with an estimated 1,050,000 men in its armed forces. For other allies, it has about 1,121,000 to that figure.

The big navies of the United States and Britain, plus the naval forces of the other allies, give the Atlantic alliance a wide edge in sea-power.

As for air power, military experts can only guess. They estimate that the total number of aeroplanes is about the same for the Western and Eastern blocs, but believe that the Atlantic Powers probably muster more long-range bombers.

In addition to their potential manpower advantage, the Western Powers together possess:

- (1) More than three times as much capacity for producing steel.
- (2) More than twice as much

Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, speaking at the Atlantic Pact signing, said: "I am satisfied that the step we are taking has the almost unanimous approval of the British people."

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"Our peoples do not glorify war but they will not shrink from it if aggression is threatened."

As a result of the Pact democracy was no longer a series of isolated units but had become "a cohesive organism", Mr. Bevin added.

"But this is not the final end. We shall pursue with every endeavour the building of a truly universal United Nations, to which this group of countries will be no mean contributor."

Mr. Bevin also said: "In appending my signature to this Pact today, I am doing so on behalf of a free parliamentary nation and I am satisfied that the step we are taking has the almost unanimous approval of the British people."

"Like other signatories, my country has had forced upon it the great task of fighting two world wars against aggression within a period of a quarter of a century."

Appalling Cost

"The cost in human life and treasure was appalling. Succeeding generations in the period following each struggle

coal production.

(3) Eight times as much oil.

(4) Almost 34 times as much ocean-going merchant tonnage.

(5) Nearly three times as much motor transport.

—Reuter.

Washington, April 4.

over a wide area of the world were thrown into a state of uncertainty and harassed by wars of nerves and civil wars.

"The common people, who only want to live in peace, have been unable to follow their peaceful pursuits or to sleep safely in their beds."

"They have seen their constitutions crushed—constitutions in which they thought they had made their liberty secure."

"We have witnessed a period in which, while the countries represented here have been striving to rehabilitate the world and to restore it to prosperity and sanity, they have been constantly frustrated in their efforts."

"We have all tried with genuine desire and high purpose to build an effective United Nations. We have endeavoured to make its machinery work and to create high confidence in this great world organisation so as to enable it to establish security for all the peoples of the world."

"But so far our hopes have not been fully realised. What course then was left to us? We had to get together and build with such materials as were available to us, and this material was happily at hand in this great Atlantic community, with a common outlook and desire for peace."

"The countries whose representatives are signing this great Pact today are composed of peace-loving peoples, with spiritual attitudes, but they also have great pride in their skill and their production and in their achievement in mastering the forces of nature and harnessing the great resources of the world for the benefit of mankind. Our peoples do not glorify war but they will not shrink from it if aggression is threatened."

Dr. Stikker, Foreign Minister of the Netherlands—which with Britain, the United States, France, Belgium, Canada and Luxembourg, is a "founding member"—said that the signing of the treaty marked "the end of an era, the hope that the United Nations would by itself secure international peace" but it also marked the birth of "a new hope of enduring peace."

"Freedom from fear is being brought nearer to all of us today."

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the positions which those people that are the depository of the ideals of Western civilisation occupy in the world."

A Peace Pact

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr. Halvard Lange, said that Norway was looking for "a greater measure of security beyond that provided by membership of the United Nations."

Mr. Lange described the Pact as one "of peace and as directed against no nation. It is directed solely against aggression itself."

Norway was joining the Alliance because "for reasons which we all know, the United Nations cannot truly give us or any other nation the security to which we had confidently looked forward."

"Under these circumstances my country temporarily had to look for a greater measure of security, beyond that provided by membership of the United Nations."

—Reuter.

Violent Battle In Greece

Athens, April 4.

A violent battle between 4,000 guerrillas and units of the Greek Army South West of Grammos is going on, the Greek General Staff announced tonight.

"Our forces are defending their positions while reinforcements, arriving in time, have joined the battle," the communiqué said. It claimed that the rebels in the first stage of the battle have been recaptured and added: "The battle continues with unmitigated violence."

The communiqué added that both sides had suffered losses. An earlier communiqué had described the stubborn and violent fighting in this area.

According to a Free Greek Radio report, the Greek Communists have opened a new offensive against the Government troops on the Grammos-Smolikas front in Northern Greece, near the Albanian border. The Radio added that the operations, which began on April 1, are developing favourably and according to plan.

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Pacific Pact Is Next, Reds Say

Moscow, April 4.

"Pravda's" international commentator said today: The Pacific powers, seeking the leadership of the Anglo-American aggressors, are proceeding to expedite organisation of a Pacific pact."

The commentator said the preliminary step for this purpose was the recent East Asia conference in New Delhi.

This, he said, was summoned ostensibly to discuss Indonesia but served only as a pretext for its main objective—realisation of an Anglo-American plan for a Pacific bloc.

"The New Delhi conference proceeded under a banner of political union which was organised to end the war between Anglo-American ruling circles and reactionary anti-popular elements of certain Asiatic countries on a basis of joint struggle against growing popular democratic movements," the commentator said.

The "Pravda" writer declared that Japan is intended to play a principal role in the contemplated Pacific bloc.

The commentator added: "To deal with Ruhr magnates in Europe and with Japanese magnates in the Far East—what is this but an American variant of the Japanese-German anti-Communist pact? The programme of a Pacific bloc being formed is clear. It is unleashing war by the Anglo-American imperialist camp against forces standing for lasting democratic peace."

Naval Theory

"Pravda" also said that a Pacific pact along the same lines as the North Atlantic Alliance will be proposed by American "ruling circles" to entrench themselves in the British Dominions.

The article in the Communist party organ, distributed in London by the Soviet Ambassador, said:

"It is certain that the Pacific subsidiary of the Atlantic pact will be fully subjugated to American ruling circles which will employ it in particular to establish themselves in the British Dominions and sever them from the British Empire."—United Press and Associated Press.

SILENT TO THE LAST

New York, April 4.

Seven grim-faced Russian delegates to the recent Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace in New York left LaGuardia Airfield last night for home after maintaining a stony silence to newspapermen at the airport.

The party's interpreter, M. Ivan Rozhanski, refused to translate reporters' questions to the delegates. A group of reporters tried to evoke some response from the Russian composer, M. Dimitri Shostakovich, a member of the delegation who is rumoured to speak English. They stood within earshot of Shostakovich and one said: "I hate Shostakovich's music." Shostakovich did not respond.

A group of 12 Americans bade the Russians farewell. Several of the Russian delegates were seen kissing the Americans good-bye. There were no pickets and no demonstrations.—Reuter.

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PACIFIC PACT PROBLEMS

Manila, April 5.

The Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Felino Neri, says there are tremendous problems in bringing about the Pacific security alliance proposed by President Quirino but these are not insurmountable and can be met by short and long-term planning based on the principle of first things first.

Mr. Neri said Mr. Quirino believes the alliance desirable if only to meet the need of implementing President Truman's programme of aid for under-developed countries.

"The programme can create a proper economic base for the Pacific pact in the same manner as the Marshall Plan does with respect to the North Atlantic pact."

Among problems posed by the proposed alliance are budgetary implications for the United States, unsettled conditions in China and South East Asia and the military base on which the alliance must stand.

Mr. Quirino is suggesting the possibility of suggesting Japan in the proposed Pacific alliance, envisaged a pact whereby members would be bound to settle disputes peacefully, encourage economic collaboration, develop individual and collective capacity and resist aggression.

The President did not mean a military pact. Under the projected alliance members would consult together whenever the territorial integrity, political independence or security of any is threatened.—United Press.

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Editorial

Look to your "Film News"

To teen agers who have been repeatedly requesting the Topics for a column in which problems can be put and answered by a competent adviser, there is good news.

In the April issue of the "Hong Kong Film and Theatre News" the popular local cine pictorial, a new feature has started. It is "Diana Drake Advises."

In this column teen agers will be enabled to put forward their own personal problems and difficulties and have them answered in the following issue by Mrs. Drake, a lady of wide knowledge of life and its difficulties. She has the broad understanding that makes her, I think, the ideal confidante of your troubles.

In her column in the "Film News" she is there particularly for teen agers. All wishing to avail themselves of the help which Diana Drake has to offer, should address their letters to DIANA DRAKE, c/o "The Hong Kong Film and Theatre News," Windsor House, Hong Kong.

There is no need for you to append your name or address. Just use some sort of initials or other suitable mark, so that you can recognise your own letters.

From the "Film News" editor, also, comes the good news that next month's publication of that magazine will be its Anniversary Number.

The editor told me that the May "Film News" will be an enlarged issue, with much that will appeal to you. It is even about hearing of your favourite film stars, judging again by the requests received by me, be greatly pleased about.

Siam's Former Queen To Return

London, April 5.

Queen Elizabeth and former Queen Rambhai Barni of Siam had a talk yesterday at Buckingham Palace.

The official announcement said only that they "remained together for some time."

The former queen, widow of King Prajadhipok, recently said she intended to return to Siam this month after 14 years of exile.

She left Bangkok in 1935 when the king abdicated. The present King of Siam, Phumiphon Aduladet, is a relative. Associated Press.

QUEER EXHIBITION

Something New in Entertainment

AT THE
RITZ

Mr. Lau Hon Tsiang, who is Director of the Chungking Zoo, after the Pacific war came into contact with some queer persons, who are now touring South China. From Macao they have come to Hongkong. The personnel of this exhibition consists of six persons, four of whom are not shown here. First is the giant, who could not be missed in a crowd. He is 10 feet high and 400 lbs. in weight. Second is the dwarf aged over 40, height one foot eight inches.



There is an eight year old girl who can use her feet for all purposes. Her hands have only two fingers. Next is the fat midged woman. She is about 22 years old, two feet high and weighs 100 lbs. Third comes the peanut head man. He is reported to be about 30 years old and his head no larger than a tea cup. The fourth has an extra size in head.

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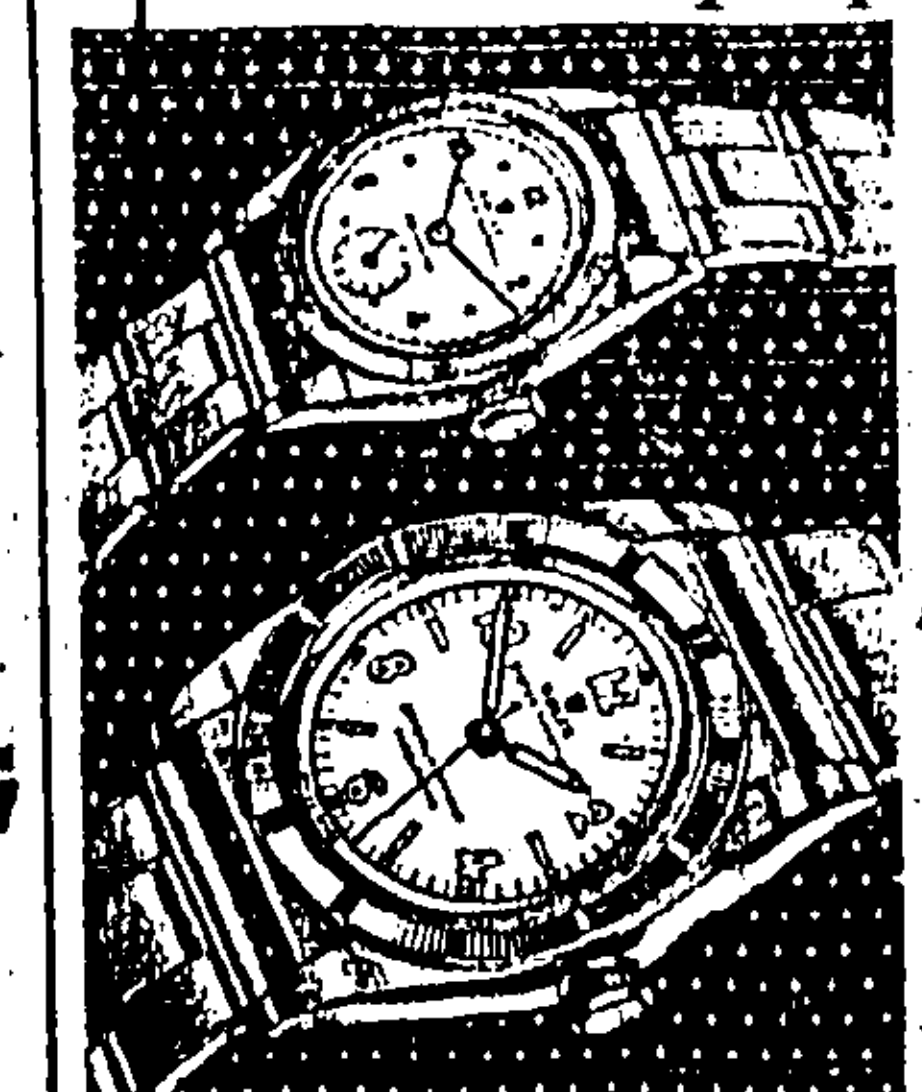
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Readers' Letters

I like the teen Age Topics a lot but I think we should have some articles about local activities of our own set. In this way it would be much more interesting.

I'm not asking for long columns but only little things of local interest like an "Our Column."

Teen agers should also send in articles and in this way we can feel that this is more our paper than the editor's own work.

We should also have a club like the Children's Herald.

The Children's Herald is so popular because all the children feel it is their own work that makes the paper so interesting.

I will have to and now, waiting eagerly for Wednesday and Teen Age Topics to come.

Mercia Silva.

Your suggestion about teen agers writing in to make the Topics your very own paper is the best suggestion I have yet received. How about you, Mercia, starting the ball rolling with some bits about the activities of your group and friends? If someone would start sending in, I am sure others will follow. Here's hoping - Ed.

Like Shamus, I'm very interested in the Children's Herald, especially the editorials. They are so interesting and so are yours.

Why don't you make the Teen Age Topics a larger section? Our Children's Herald is such a large section it consists of eight pages. I had some time trying to solve the solution of your crossword. I had never dreamt of "Cook-Ed" then it suddenly came to my mind.

That piece of "Susie" in the Topics is jolly funny. I always laugh when I read it.

Well, there's nothing else to say for the moment, so, cheerio! Nana Rodrigues

I am not promising anything Nana, but we're making plans which might work out to please you very much - Ed.

Although you have not heard from me before, I've never missed a thing in the Topics because I buy the "China Mail" every Wednesday.

I would like very much to enter in your Personality Column but I don't really know how to go about it. I hope you'll give me some information. Thanks a million.

Personality

Teen age personality of the week is an 18-year-old Portuguese girl from Macao who arrived in the Colony soon after the war, and has been living here since.

She is Elsa Demee, who is employed by an airline as a flight hostess, shuttling to and from her home town.



ELSA DEMEE

Elsa has her birthday on June 25. Although she was born in Macao, she had always liked Hong Kong, since the time, early in her childhood when she used to make frequent visits to the Colony at week-ends.

Elsa started her schooling at the Escola Primaria in Macao where only Portuguese is taught. Later, in order to study English, she entered the Macao branch of the Sacred Heart School.

Soon after Hong Kong was liberated, Elsa arrived here to continue her studies in Maryknoll Convent, which she left early last year, putting an end to her schooling.

Elsa's ambition, as her job would indicate, is to see the world. "And that I will do," she says.

Her favourite sport is swimming. She, unlike the people here who think it is still too cold to swim, has already visited the beaches several times. "The water is cold but it's fun," she declares.

Elsa has learned to play badminton in Hong Kong. She likes the game very much, and plays it every morning in the Club de Recreio.

She loves to read in English. "My favourite reading is little books like the Readers' Digest where the articles are short and the English not too difficult," Elsa said. "I haven't read the Teen

Topics before, but I will now."

Elsa's music taste is inclined to the classics with emphasis on light music.

She plays the piano but is not quite satisfied with her ability. "The music I like best are the pieces by Chopin. I must learn to play all of Chopin's music, so much do I like him," said Elsa.

Elsa also draws and paints a little but has given that up because she hasn't much time. "The next thing for me to learn now," said Elsa, "is to pilot a plane. And that I will do."

SUSIE



Winners' Prizes

Winners of last week's prize crossword: Ivy Brumwell, Queen's Building, Top Floor (50). Gerry Pinn, Rivel Hall, Hong Kong University, (5).

The prizes will be in the mail today.

This week we will have the blank puzzle again. Fill in the spaces and send together with your clues. Preference will be given to entries with as few abbreviations as possible.

Age Topics before, but I will now."

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Platter Chatter

Tommy Dorsey plays Tchaikovsky Melodies for Dancing. The T.D. talent for scoring beautiful tunes; his smooth trombone; adaptations of the Pathétique Symphony, Waltz of the Flowers and the Piano Concerto &c.

These combined factors indicated an album of rare merit, but I was bitterly disappointed.

Orchestration and conception are good without any outstanding quality. The dragging Stuart Foster vocals make him sound like a mixture of the Voice, the Velvet Fog and Andy Russell, combining the worst features of each.

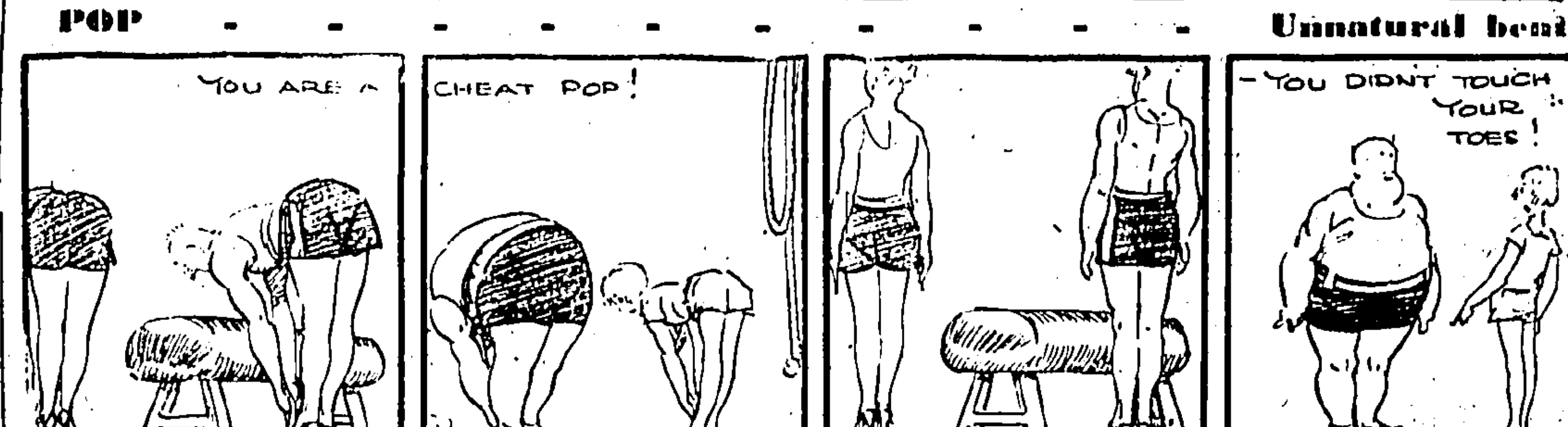
Contrast Foster's Moon Love with that of Ray Eberle's (Glenn Miller) or with Vaughn Monroe's. An otherwise competent critic said "Stuart Foster sings well enough." He omitted to mention for whom or what.

WOLFE. Several readers have suggested that we hold our own poll of favourite records, soloists and bands. The idea is an excellent one and may prove helpful to programme organisers, and record retailers if they care to take cognizance of our likes and dislikes.

I think the poll should embrace favourites in the following categories: Solo singers male and female; Singers with bands; Sweet Orchestra; Hot Orchestra; Soloist (instrumental).

Two separate selections of the best ten records should be made, one covering post-war records and the other covering all-time discs. Your editor is expanding the best way to conduct this and you will hear more about it next week.

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A phase of "Exercise Lancer," which was held in the Colony last week to test co-operation between the Police and the Services. Above, Army reinforcements are being rushed to help Police defeat "bandits" in the Wanchai area. ("China Mail" photo)

Steel-helmeted Police are shown combating rioters in the Shamshul-po region. This operation was part of "Exercise Lancer." ("China Mail" photo)

Major General F. R. G. Matthews, General Officer Commanding, inspects the defence force at Chun Wan. The defence was called on to battle "bandits" in that region as part of "Exercise Lancer." ("China Mail" photo)



The "bandit" leader in "Exercise Lancer," Major G. Lorimer, is shown at his headquarters to explain his next move against units of the Police and the Services. ("China Mail" photo)





Hong Kong's Grand Old Man, Sir Robert Ho Tung, is shown at the opening of the Roxy Theatre, at Causeway Bay, last week. ("China Mail" photo)



Members of CID Western are shown group picture. Shaw, who was recently promoted to Assistant of Police. ("Sun Ying Ming" photo)



Commodore and Mrs. C. L. Robertson being welcomed by the Managing Director of the Roxy Theatre, which held its gala opening on March 29. ("China Mail" photo)



Divisional Superintendent G. B. Binstead, head of the Traffic Department of the Hong Kong Police, has been transferred to Police Headquarters. ("China Mail" photo)



Group picture of CID Western at a farewell of Inspector James MacKay. ("Sun Ying Ming" photo)



Members of the Press are shown attending a luncheon given in honour of Mr. William P. H. Ma, correspondent of the "Manila Chronicle," by Mr. Hubert G. H. Wong, General Manager of the Cosmopolitan Water Company. ("Sun Ying Ming" photo)

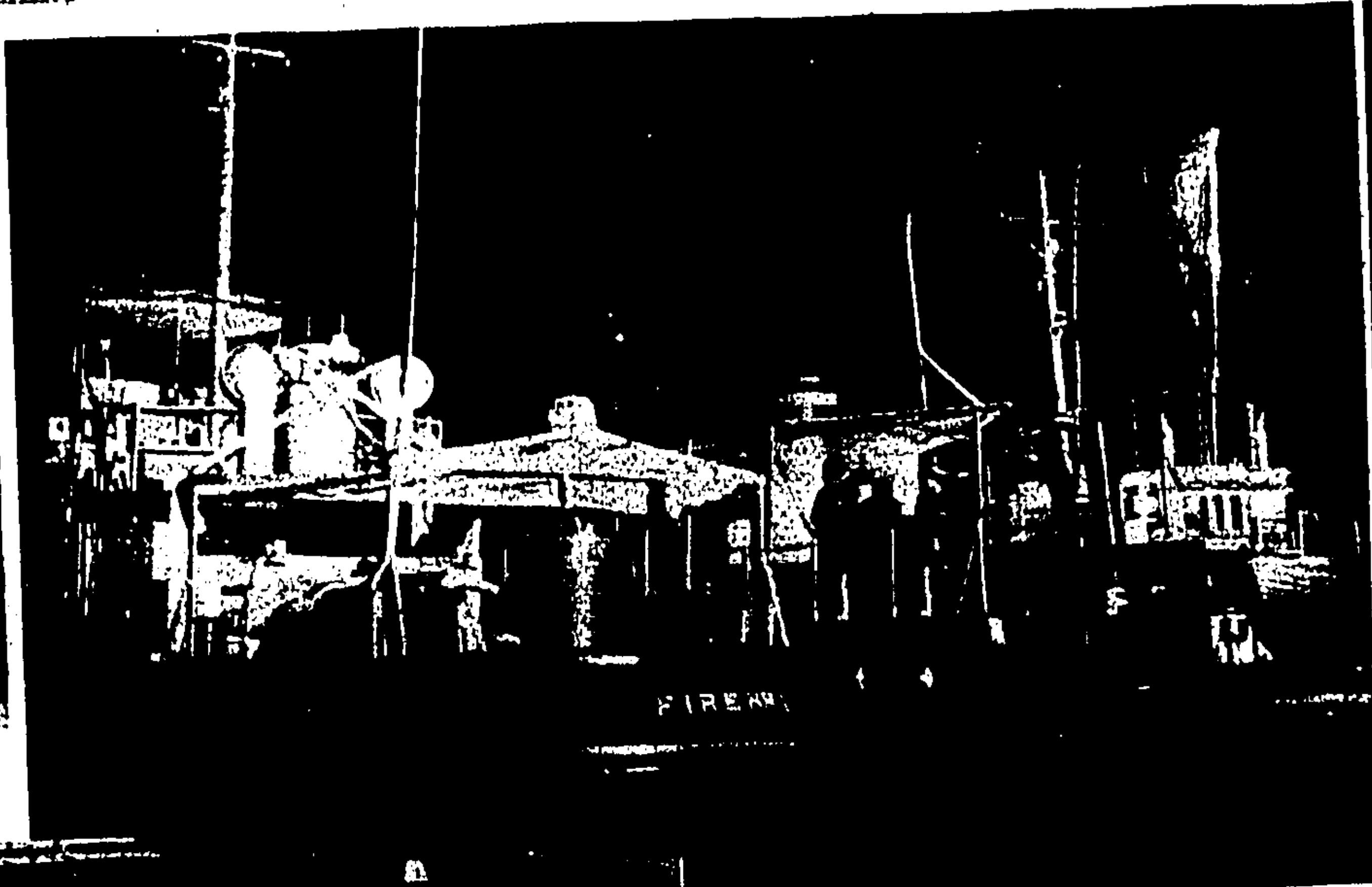
Cricketers of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation and Dodwell's Limited pose for a picture after their inter-hong game at the HKCC grounds. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



The smile of victory is on the face of Open Singles tennis champion, after he beat Trui Wai-pui (left) at the HKCC grounds recently. ("China Mail" photo)



ed around Mr.
Superintendent
(photo)



A big fire occurred on the ss. Panama in the
harbour last week and raged for more than 10
hours. Picture above shows fire-fighting boats
tied up along the vessel. ("China Mail" photo)



Accompanying herself, Mrs. Jeanette Butcher
rendered two racy songs at the recent monthly
YMCA Guest Night.



l party given in honour
King Ming" photo)

holders of the Colony
Kwok Hing-cheung and
mi-final, winning 6-3, 6-2
photo)



Koon-hung, new Colony
the title from Trui Wal
ealing him 6-1, 7-5 and
photo)



These three baby elephants seem to be enjoying themselves. They are
part of an animal cargo sent to the United States in the ss. Produce recently.
Caught in Siam, they will soon amuse youngsters in American zoos. ("China
Mail" photo)

Herded into tiny cages, these monkeys don't look too comfortable. They
are shown being loaded on the ss. Produce, on their way to America.
("China Mail")





The cast of "Into The Abyss," a play presented recently by the Chinese Society of the Hong Kong University. Produced by Professor Ma Kiam, it was a conspicuous success. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



Little Patkela, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Whitby, is entertaining her friends on the occasion of her birthday. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



Friends of Mr. R. B. Marshall pose for a group picture at his 21st birthday party at the Hong Kong Hotel. ("Ming Yuen" photo)

Mr. Chan Kun-sum with his bride, the former Miss Luk Yik-chew, after their wedding at the Registrar's office recently. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Arnold pose for the camera after their wedding at the English Methodist Church on March 27. The bride was Miss Sheila Le Tisler. ("Ming Yuen" Studio)

Mr. and Mrs. Chin Fu-po walk arm in arm out of the Registrar's Office after their recent marriage. The bride is the former Miss Yuen Lui-chu. ("Sun Kwong" photo)



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CONGRESS APPROVES "TOKEN" CHINA AID

Washington, April 4.

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The vote was unanimous in the Senate. The House approved the action by a vote of 279 to 70.

GENEVA TALKS ON PALESTINE

Beirut, April 4.

The Palestine Conciliation Commission tonight decided to call a meeting in Europe for an exchange of views between the Jews and Arabs.

Three Arab countries have indicated their readiness to attend such a meeting. These are believed to be Transjordan, Egypt and The Lebanon. One other country, understood to be Iraq, said it would not attend but would not object to the other Arab countries attending.

The Commission is still awaiting official notification from Syria, Saudi Arabia and The Yemen.

United Nations quarters emphasize that there is no suggestion that the meeting, which will probably be held in Geneva, should have the character of peace talks.

It is not even projected that the Jews and Arabs should meet at the same table, or even under the same roof, they declared.

The sole purpose of the meeting, they said, is to bring both sides together at the same place and same time so that the Commission could hear all points of view without the delay involved in travelling round all the countries.—Reuter.

LONDON STOCKS

London, April 4.

Price movements were irregular in the stock exchange with British gilt-edged securities closing firm. Oil shares remained dull while tobacco and brewery issues finished higher.

Gold mining stocks were quiet with local selling of recent favourites.

Financial Times Index: 115.0.

—Associated Press.

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The following provisional changes in arrival and departure of Airmail plane is notified:

1. The Inward Airmail from Japan scheduled to arrive on Monday, April 4 is now expected to arrive on Wednesday, April 6, 1940.

2. The Outward Airmail for United Kingdom, scheduled to leave at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 4, will now leave on Wednesday, April 6 at Kowloon GPO 4.30 p.m. and Hong Kong GPO 5 p.m. (Registered mail half an hour earlier). With effect from April 1, 1940, the postage for local letters and postcards will be increased as follows:

Destinations: Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories.

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Copies of the Colony's Annual Report for 1939, (Price 6d) are on sale at the General Post Office and Central Post Office, Kowloon.

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Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. It mails close before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Closing Times by Air:

Canton and Hongkong (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin: Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Tainan: Airmail for Fouchow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Batavia, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Alexandria (Nairobi), Bombay, Daras Salaman, Mauritius, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria: Rome and London, Kowloon GPO: (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; GPO: (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea:

Formosa via Keelung and Shanghai, 10 a.m.

Straits and Rangoon, 11 a.m.

Shanghai, 1 p.m.

Saloon and Bangkok, 3 p.m.

JAP WAR CRIMES TRIALS

Tokyo, April 4.

General MacArthur's Legal Section chief said today that investigations and trials of minor Japanese war crimes suspects under his jurisdiction would be completed well within the Far Eastern Commission recommendations.

The FEC in Washington recommended that member nations complete investigations of Class A and B suspects by June 30 and complete their trials by September 30.

Mr. Alva C. Carpenter, Chief of SCAP Legal Section, is charged with conducting the trials of Japanese accused of violating the laws and customs of war or inhuman acts against civilian population, as differentiated from Class A trials, which concluded with the sentencing of Tojo and 25 top war planners.

Mr. Carpenter said: "We are still looking for three or four prison guards but we expect to complete the trials within the time set."—United Press.

First Time

Actually, the China fund does not represent "new" money. It was appropriated by Congress last year, but was never spent because of uncertainties of the China situation as Chinese Communist armies drove deeper and deeper into the Nationalist Government's territory.

The authority to spend the money, under last year's appropriation, expired on April 2.

The China bill ban marks the first time that the foreign aid authorization programme has had such an anti-Communist restriction worked into authorising legislation.

Representative V. Marcantonio of the American Labour Party called it "another illustration of the course the cold war policy is forcing us to follow." The money, he declared, is going to a corrupt government deeply steeped in the vilest landlordism rather than to the Chinese people themselves.

"Worst Disaster"

"You wouldn't stop the march of the Chinese people if you spent five times as much," he said. This represents not aid to China but direct interference in the civil war, which the majority of the Chinese people are waging to oust the fascist regime still dominated from behind the scenes by the Hitler of China, Chiang Kai-shek.

Representative Walter Judd disagreed and said: "The collapse of China would be the worst disaster to the Western world." He made a plea for a long-range programme of aid to China.—Associated Press and United Press.

German Official Misunderstood

Karlsruhe, April 4.

The President of the West German Constituent Assembly, Dr. Adenauer, told the Christian Democratic Union here today that the foreign press had misunderstood his speech at Bern on March 24.

(Dr. Adenauer was reported to have said: "It was the German Army and not the German people that capitulated, and this the world had better remember.") He said tonight, according to the German news service, DPA, that he had merely brought up the question of whether or not the German people in 1945 could have capitulated at all. There could have been no surrender by the German people, which at that time was practically without a government, he said.—Reuter.

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Britain Sells Arms To Siam

London, April 4.

Britain is selling sufficient arms to complete the equipment of five infantry battalions stationed in Southern Siam, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, told Parliament today.

The agreement for this transaction had been reached through normal diplomatic channels, he said. The Siamese battalions would use these arms to preserve order on the Siamese-Malay border in co-operation with the security forces of the Malay Federation.

The British Government had also offered to supply a small quantity of equipment and arms for Siamese police units co-operating with the British security forces in the border area, he added.

Mr. Mayhew was replying to an inquiry for information by Mr. D. N. Pritt, an Independent Labour Member.—Reuter.

WINDSOR VISIT TO BRITAIN

London, April 4.

The Duke of Windsor, brother of the King, arrived in London today from his home in Paris. He is to stay with his mother, Queen Mary, at her residence, Marlborough House. The Duke was last in London in October.

He smiled at the crowd waiting to greet him at the London railway terminus and said: "It's good to be back." He was wearing a green felt hat and a heavy camel hair coat over a grey flannel suit. He expects to stay at Marlborough House till Thursday, when he will go to Ednam Lodge, Stunmington, Berkshire, as the guest of Lord Dudley. He hopes the Duchess will join him about Easter.—Reuter.

South West Africa Now Part Of Union

Capetown, April 4.

The South West Africa Affairs Amendment Bill, amending the Constitution of the mandated territory and giving it representation in the Union Parliament, had its third reading in the Union Assembly here today.

The Prime Minister, Dr. Malan, said that enactment of the Bill meant that by law the Union no longer recognises the existence of the Mandate over South West Africa.

Dr. Malan hoped that the South West Africa question would not again come before the United Nations. If it did, it was now established in law and for the world to see, that the Union no longer recognises the existence of the Mandate. That should make the case easier for South Africa.

There were indications that countries which had transferred mandated territories to United Nations trusteeship regretted very much having done so, he added.

Dr. Malan said it had been brought to his notice that a fairly large number of South Africans settled in Tanganyika and with property there are uncertain about their future now that the territory is under the Trusteeship Council.

The Trusteeship Council took the same attitude towards Tanganyika as it had taken towards South West Africa. It was opposed to any form of coloured discrimination and there was fear in Tanganyika that Europeans would be deprived of their land in favour of the Africans.

"We can be grateful that South West Africa is not in that position and will not be put in that position," he said.—Reuter.

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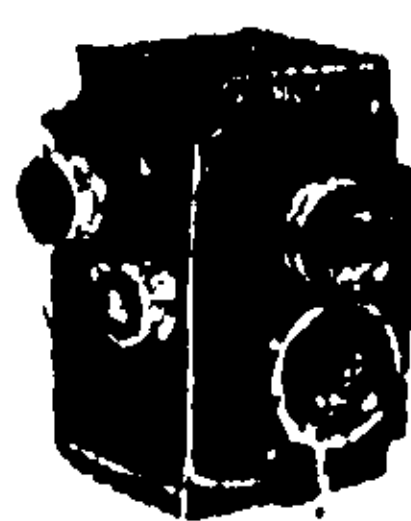
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Silva And Xavier Win In Ladies' Doubles

(By "KIMBERLEY")

The finals of the Colony badminton championships began last night in the Kowloon Cricket Club and provided the evening's closest and most interesting game in the Ladies' Doubles which saw the Recreio pair, Mylthie da Silva and Margaret Xavier emerging as champions by edging out Adi Tamworth and Jean Stokes of KCC in three sets.

But the thrill of the evening came during the Junior Men's Singles with Hong Kong University's M. T. Yeow bringing about a first class display to wrest the Junior Singles crown from the favourite, D. C. Lau, in two sets of 15-3, 15-9.

With this exciting background, came the dull anticlimax. Robert Tay and Marie Ribeiro struggled through two tedious sets to emerge Senior Mixed Doubles champions, defeating the Patrick Wong-H. P. Lam combination in a ding-dong battle of errors with Tay and Ribeiro obviously committing a lesser number.

Despite the far from ideal nature of the court, which provided for the evening's moments of entertainment, when players took their respective turns at spilling, badminton standard, barring the mixed doubles affair, was exceedingly good.

In the first game, the Junior Men's Singles, Yeow proved superior over Lau in all the departments of the game save, perhaps in the lob.

All Lau could do was to match the champion point for point for the first three points. Lau kept Yeow backcourt with accurate lobs tempting the champion to smash.

Lau caught up to 2-2 with a strong smash to side line and on a short drop by Yeow.

Taking over the service, Yeow scored on Lau's error at net but fore giving back a point on a weak back-hand.

From there on, Yeow began countering Lau's attack with high lobs and vicious smashes that earned him the next four points with one exchange of service.

Evening's First Thrill

When the score stood at 7-4, the evening's first thrill came when a long rally ensued with Lau trying hard to force Yeow in smashing errors that did not come. After a vigorous duel with thrilling rallies, especially by Yeow who gathered up shots any first rater would have given up for lost, Lau softened up with a light drop that caught the HKU student sitting, to win the service.

Battle Of Wits

Play gradually changed from its hard hitting aspect to one of wits with Yeow catching the shuttle to make Lau chase it. Yeow was catching up the arrears slowly but very surely until the score levelled at 9-9 with plenty of tricky manoeuvres in between. Lau failed to keep up his hard-hitting counters and was slowly put on the defensive as Yeow

continued his distributing tactics which saw Lau's determined efforts giving way. Yeow went on to score four more points before losing a fruitless service to Lau, then continued on to claim the Junior Singles crown with 15-9. It was a grand game, and Lau a good loser. The Ladies took to their games with equal enthusiasm, both sides scoring in good play. The Recreio pair took a three-point lead with Mylthie da Silva scoring by a brilliant display at net. Jean Stokes then sent the shuttle smashing down to mid-court to take over the service with which the KCC pair earned their first point. Mylthie and her partner Margaret Xavier reversed position, with Margaret at net placing the

shuttle to Adi Tamworth for high returns which Mylthie made no mistakes about killing. Her back hand drives accounted for some more points that placed the Recreio pair at a comfortable lead when the score stood at 7-2. Tamworth and Stokes were often caught out of position as both Xavier and Silva took turns at breaking up the KCC combination with persistent wallows from mid-court.



M. T. YEOW

Hong Kong University's M. T. Yeow who defeated D. C. Lau at Kowloon Cricket Club last night to win the Junior Men's Badminton Singles championship of the Colony. ("China Mail" Photo).

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Before Mylthie even had a chance to settle in, Adi was at the net controlling every shuttle that came over. KCC took an early lead with demoralising effect on the opposition.

Keeping up the attack, Adi and Jean kept Mylthie and Margaret far back court and cashing in the more, on subtle drops that the Recreio pair never expected, or were too out of position to recover.

Tamworth and Stokes were doing to the Recreio pair what was done to them in the first set, namely, keeping the opposition on the defence.

Tamworth was performing brilliantly at net and Stokes, only erring on an occasional backhand. When the score stood at 9-6, in their favour, the KCC pair had Recreio completely disrupted, with Margaret particularly, committing misjudgments.

The Recreio girls made a strong attempt to restore their position though, and after some gruelling play, drew level at 10-10.

After that they lost the service. The Tamworth-Stokes combination raced on to gather five straight points to win the set.

In the deciding game, play swung from both sides, each hitting and placing with effect. All four players were on their toes as points came and went and

Champions And Runners-Up



The champions and the runners-up of the Colony's Ladies' Doubles Badminton Championship, played off last night at the Kowloon Cricket Club. From left to right: Margaret Xavier, Mylthie da Silva, Jean Stokes and Adi Tamworth. ("China Mail" Photo)

Dates Of Manila Soccer Interport Series Stand

The Manila Amateur Athletic Federation having now agreed to adhere to the original dates fixed for the annual Interport soccer series, the Hong Kong Chinese Football Association met last night to re-select another Combined Chinese XI for the Saigon tour.

As the Saigon tour will take place at the same time as the Manila Interport Series, namely, on April 17, 18 and 20, it had been previously agreed between the Hong Kong Football Association and the HK Chinese Football Association that players selected for the Manila Interport would not be eligible for the Saigon tour.

On March 29, when the HK Chinese Football Association heard that the Manila Amateur Athletic Federation had applied for a postponement of the Interport Series until the beginning of May, it immediately proceeded to select a Combined Chinese XI for the Saigon tour.

The team selected comprised seven Chinese players who had been chosen by the HKFA to take part in the Manila Interport.

Last night's meeting to re-select another Combined Chinese XI stemmed from the Manila Amateur Athletic Federation's decision to adhere to the original dates, which nullified the selection of the seven Chinese players for the Saigon tour.

The following players have now been selected to take part in the Saigon tour:

Yu Kai-yan (CAA) Captain, Tam Kwan-kon (KMB) Vice-Captain, Tam Chun-fai (KMB), Fok Yiu-choi (KIT Chee), Lee Ping-nam (CAA), Lee Ping-chiu (KIT Chee), Tang Sum (KMB), Hung Hing-yuk (KMB), Fung Kwan-sing (KMB), Tam Woon-cheung (KMB), Tang Yee-kit (KMB), Li Chun-lai (KMB), Ho Yin-tun (SCAA "A"), Yiu Cheuk-yan (KIT Chee), Chu Foe (KIT Chee) and Lo Wah-king (CAA).

Officials: Siu Chu-wan (Team Manager), Leslie Louey (Asst. Team Manager), Tsang King-hong (Coach) and Liu Wai (Bonesetter).

The meeting also selected the following team to represent Combined Chinese against the Singapore Combined Services:

Cheung Koon-hing (KIT Chee), Cheung Shu-ling (SCAA "A"), Muk Lam-fook (KMB), Chan

the score stood tightly with neither side able to take any substantial lead.

At half-time, the score stood at 12-12. Recreio went on for two more points. With a neat cut, Jean Stokes advanced her side another point before losing the service with which Mylthie dropped the shuttle, only just to clinch the match and retain the Ladies' Doubles crown which she and Margaret won in 1941.

The last game can be best described as a game of errors with both sides scoring on each other's faults.

The ladies were particularly weak and play was for most of the time one between the two men.

The first set ended 15-12 but with little of excitement. Robert Tay and Patrick Wong both gunned for each other's weaknesses, Tay being a little more fortunate. He was leading 13-0 at one stage and won eventually at 15-8.

Results: Men's Junior Singles: M.T. Yeow beat D.C. Lau, 15-3, 15-9. Ladies' Doubles (Senior): M. da Silva and M. Xavier beat Adi Tamworth and Jean Stokes, 15-7, 10-15, 15-13. Senior Mixed Doubles: Robert Tay and Marie Ribeiro beat Patrick Wong and H.P. Lam, 15-12, 15-9.

Team Picked For Manila

Advice has been received from the Manila Amateur Athletic Federation that the Hong Kong Manila Interport, soccer series will be played at Rizal Stadium, Manila, on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, April 17, 18 and 20. The following Hong Kong players will make the trip to Manila, leaving here by plane on April 14, accompanied by Mr. H. M. Omar as Team Manager. Yu Yui-tai (South China "A") goal keeper; Hsu Yung-sang (South China "A") and Tozer (Navy) backs; Chung Kam-hoi (South China "A"), Leonard (St. Joseph's) and Lau Cheong-sang (South China "A") half backs; Xavier (St. Joseph's), Chow Man-chi (Kowloon Motor Bus), Hailerty (Navy), Kiernan (Club) and Leo Tai-fai forwards. Reserves: Anderson (Army) goal keeper; Rocha (St. Joseph's) and Tee Kam-hung (South China "A") backs; Casillo (St. Joseph's), Crighthead (Army) and Rowland (Navy) half backs; Tee Kam-ho (South China "A"), Chu Wing-keung (South China "A"), Kwok Ying-kee (Kowloon Motor Bus), Main (Club) and Mullen (Club) forwards.

Wolf Cubs To Hold Meet

The Wolf Cubs of The Hong Kong Boy Scouts' Association will be holding their Annual Athletic Meet at the Diocesan Girls' School Ground, Kowloon, on Saturday, April 9.

The Meet is being held under the patronage of the Hon. Mr. A. Morse and prizes will be presented to the successful contestants by Mrs. Morse.

The following Packs will be taking part in the Meet, which will start at 2.30 p.m.

1st Hong Kong, 4th Hong Kong, 6th Hong Kong, 10th Hong Kong, 35th Hong Kong, Kowloon, 12th Kowloon, 19th Kowloon, 25th Kowloon, and 37th Kowloon.

There are 10 events on the programme, five for those over 10 years of age and five for those under 10 years of age.

Over 10 years: 100 yards; sack race; three-legged race; net and ball race; relay race.

Under 10 years: 80 yards; sack race; three-legged race; dressing race and potato race.

Hockey Fixtures

FRIDAY, APRIL 8
YMCA v Civil Service; King's Park (YMCA), 5.30 p.m.; Umpires: Yeo Sui Gater and P.O. Marsh.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
Navy v University; King's Park (RNRC 1), 10.45 a.m.; Umpires: A.M. Silva and B.S.M. Wilson.

Club de Recreio v Dutch HC; King's Park, 10 a.m.; Umpires: J.S. Grewal and J.H. Blinke.

RAF v HK Police; Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: P.P. Xavier and S.B.P.O. Yeomans.

YMCA v Cable and Wireless; King's Park (YMCA), 10 a.m.; Umpires: E.R.A. Miller and Mr. Duce, RN.

Army v Khalsa (date to be arranged later).

All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (30361 Ext. 117) before 5 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify result as soon as possible after the match.

LEAGUE TABLE

Club	Recreio	21	18	2	1	8	5	38
Army	20	14	2	4	8	20	22	
Navy	20	14	2	4	8	18	20	
Khalsa	20	12	4	4	11	19	28	
HK Police	21	9	2	7	24	24	23	
RAF	21	9	2	10	42	40	27	
Civil Service	20	9	1	10	47	40	18	
Dutch	20	6	11	23	40	10		
University	21	1	12	29	40	16		
Cable & Wireless	20	2	12	27	61	12		
Deccan NO	22	4	1	17	21	9		
YMCA	18	1	16	11	77	2		

A Tennis Return Match

A return Exhibition Tennis match along the Davis Cup lines will be played between the Saigon players and representatives of Hong Kong at the HKCC today and tomorrow. Admission will be \$5 (seats) and \$2 (standing) for each day.

The following matches have been arranged:

TODAY
4.30 p.m. Duong v Ip Koon-hung
4.45 p.m. Van Sau v Trui Wai-pul
TOMORROW
9.45 a.m. Duong v Trui Wai-pul
4.45 p.m. Van Sau v Ip Koon-hung
5.45 p.m. Van Sau and Duong v Ip Koon-hung and W. C. Choy.

HKCC's 10-Wicket Victory Over KCC

(By "MID ON")

Consistent bowling by G. T. Rowe, who took 11 wickets for 76 runs in two innings, Alec Pearce's five for 19 in the second innings, and consistent batting in their first venture to the wicket, gave Hong Kong Cricket Club a 10-wicket win over Kowloon Cricket Club in their Hancock Shield match, played at Chater Road on Saturday and Sunday.

Rowe, who turns out regularly for Club "Optimists" in the League, but was never at any time considered good enough to be entrusted with the ball, gave the lie to those who felt he was not up to First Division standard by keeping a fine length throughout the match, fighting the ball, deceptively and making the Kowloon batsmen fight hard for the runs when they were facing him.

Alec Pearce himself, who is a far better bowler than most people imagine, ran into form with the ball and literally walked through the Kowloon side in their second innings by taking five wickets for 19 runs in 9.2 overs.

It is a pity indeed that he should run into his best form so late in the season, as otherwise his team would probably have finished up higher in the League Table than they did. That, however, is beside the point. Pearce, who is a Kowloon skipper, won the toss and, to my mind, quite rightly elected to bat on a wicket that looked good for a good many runs.

Any advantage they might have derived from Lee's decision was spoiled to a large extent when Davidson, batting with Barrow, was run out through a poor call.

In the meantime Barrow batted doggedly and his 17 runs in 101 minutes are a good indication of the painfully slow way in which he went about his job.

His opening bowlers met meeting with an degree of success. Pearce brought Kerr and Rowe on to bowl, and this change paid handsomely dividends. Rowe immediately found a length and his cleverly mixed deliveries played havoc with the batsmen to such an extent that the side were all out for 131. Rowe's figures being 14.5-3-35-7.

Stokes Bowled

Stokes and Kerr opened the Club innings to Alan Stepto, borrowed from the Army for the occasion, and Taylor, the first named sending them down really fast and keeping a length in the bargain. As a result he soon had the opening bats back in the Pavilion, Stokes clean bowled and Kerr lbw.

Oliver stayed to play good, albeit somewhat slow cricket, but he played the correct type of game against Stepto at his best and his 31 was the result of an excellent effort.

Two more wickets were to fall to Stepto before stumps were drawn for the day with the Club total at 86 for four, and Stepto's figures at 12-1-32-4.

L. D. Kilbee, who usually goes in first, or first wicket down, was wisely kept back until the fall of the second wicket. This proved a wise move, as Kilbee played himself in carefully and although he was a hair on anything short of a length, he presented an impenetrable defence to the more dangerous deliveries.

I remember the days when Kilbee played for Club 2nd XI. Even then he showed that he was a batsman of class and he is the type that is never afraid to go for the bowling. Of recent years he has improved very considerably until today I reckon he is amongst the best in the Colony.

On Sunday morning, after the clock had been put forward an hour, and everybody had lost that much of sleep as a result, Kilbee and Rowe went out to resume Club's innings. Rowe batted stoutly and was content to let his partner have most of the bowling. He added 20 to his overnight score before he was stumped by Webb off Hart-Baker.

Pearce At His Best

After he was out we saw Alec Pearce at his best. Trouble is, it seems to me, Pearce does not take cricket as seriously these days as he used to and the net result is that we have not seen him batting in his true form as often as we would have liked. On Sunday he showed that he is still one of the best bats in the Colony, his placing in particular being an object lesson.

Newton batted well for his 31 runs, while that very obliging 12 man—Mr. Extras—helped with a welcome 84. Stepto had lost his accuracy of the previous day although he took another three wickets for an additional 36 runs. He bowled four wickets and I heard that this was because he was swinging too much.

Police Not To Be Obstructed

"As long as I am on the bench I will not allow police to be obstructed."

This warning was given by Mr. F. X. d'Almada to Tan Kuen, aged 31, who was fined \$100 at Central for having without a licence and obstructing a policeman.

According to the prosecution, accused was arrested in Wellington Street yesterday by a policeman. In an attempt to run away he tore the latter's uniform.

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